

Preventing COVID-19 Severe Disease in Maine *(Why Are People Still Dying from COVID-19?)*

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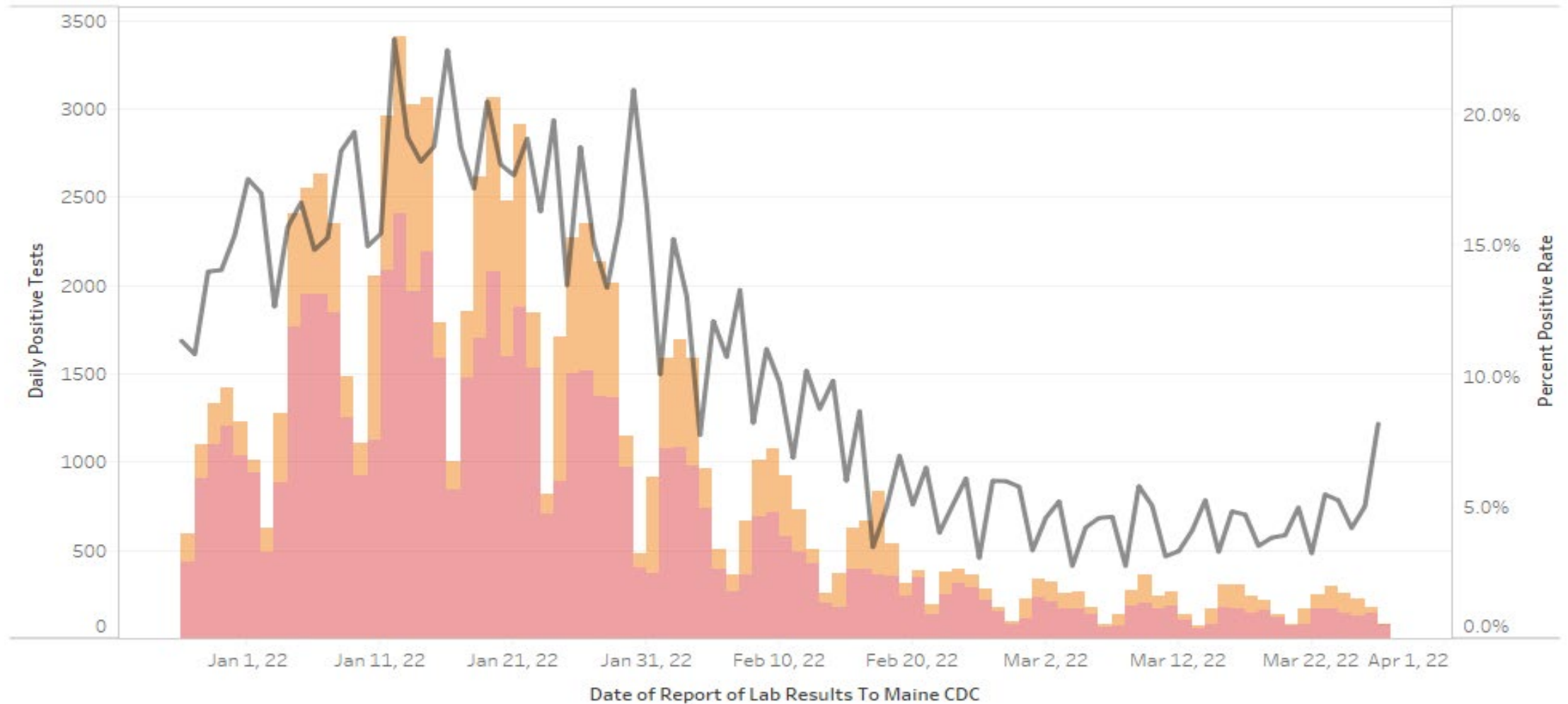
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Objectives

1. Describe who is at highest risk for COVID-19-associated hospitalization and death if infected
2. Describe several oral and IV therapeutics for treatment of COVID-19 in the outpatient setting
3. Describe who to treat for COVID-19 and how patients access these treatments in the State

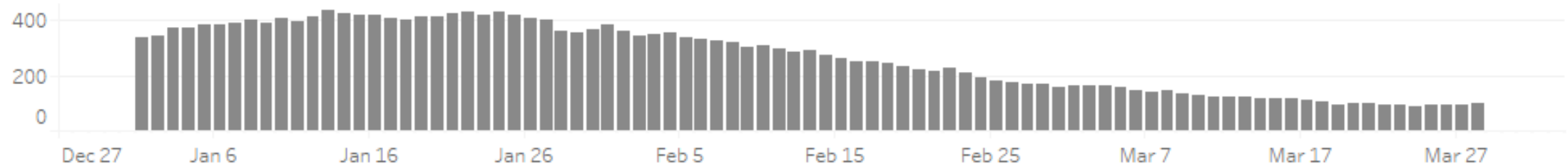
COVID-19 in Maine, Hospitalizations, and Deaths

COVID-19, Maine, Jan–Mar 2022

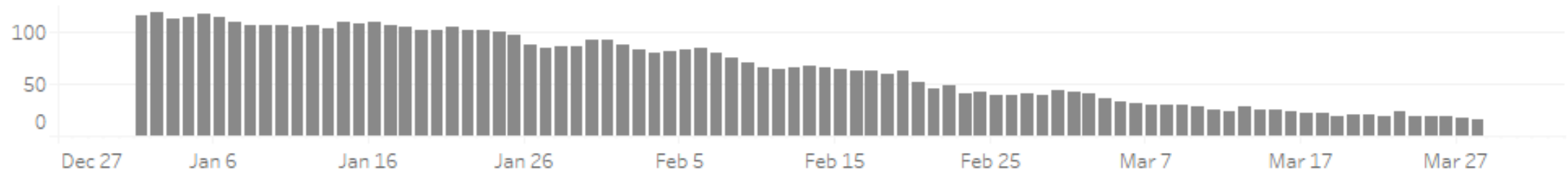


COVID-19 hospitalizations, Maine, Jan–Mar 2022

Hospitalized COVID-19 Patients



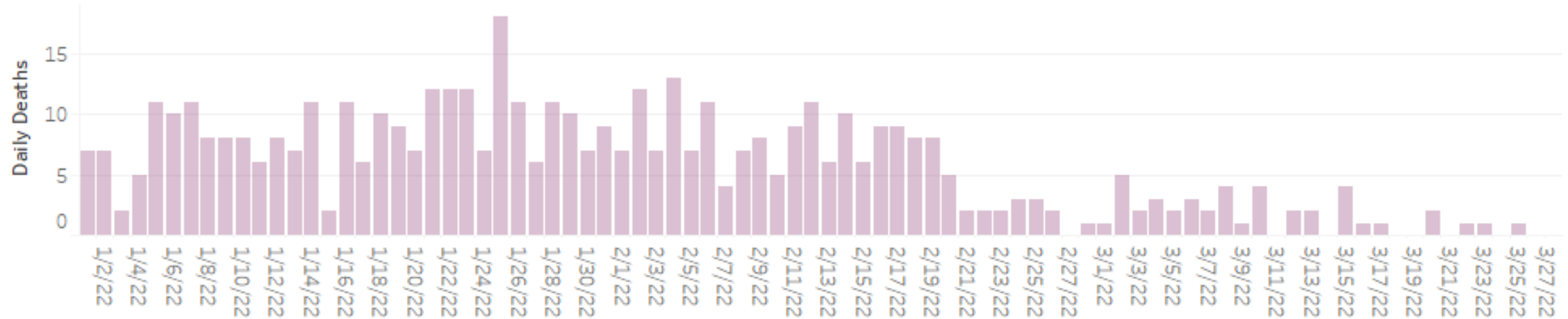
COVID-19 Patients in Critical Care



COVID-19 Patients on Ventilators



COVID-19 deaths, Maine, Jan–Mar 2022



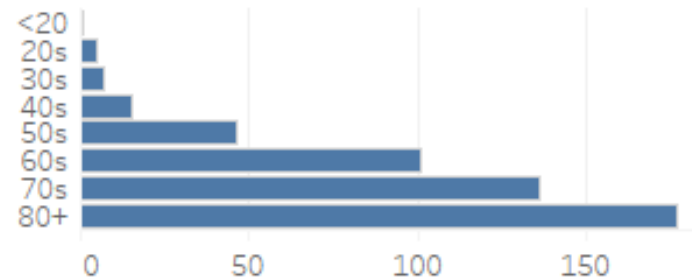
Deaths Per Population By County

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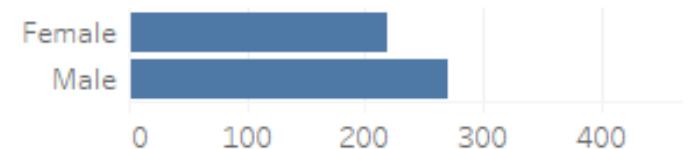
Deaths by Age Group

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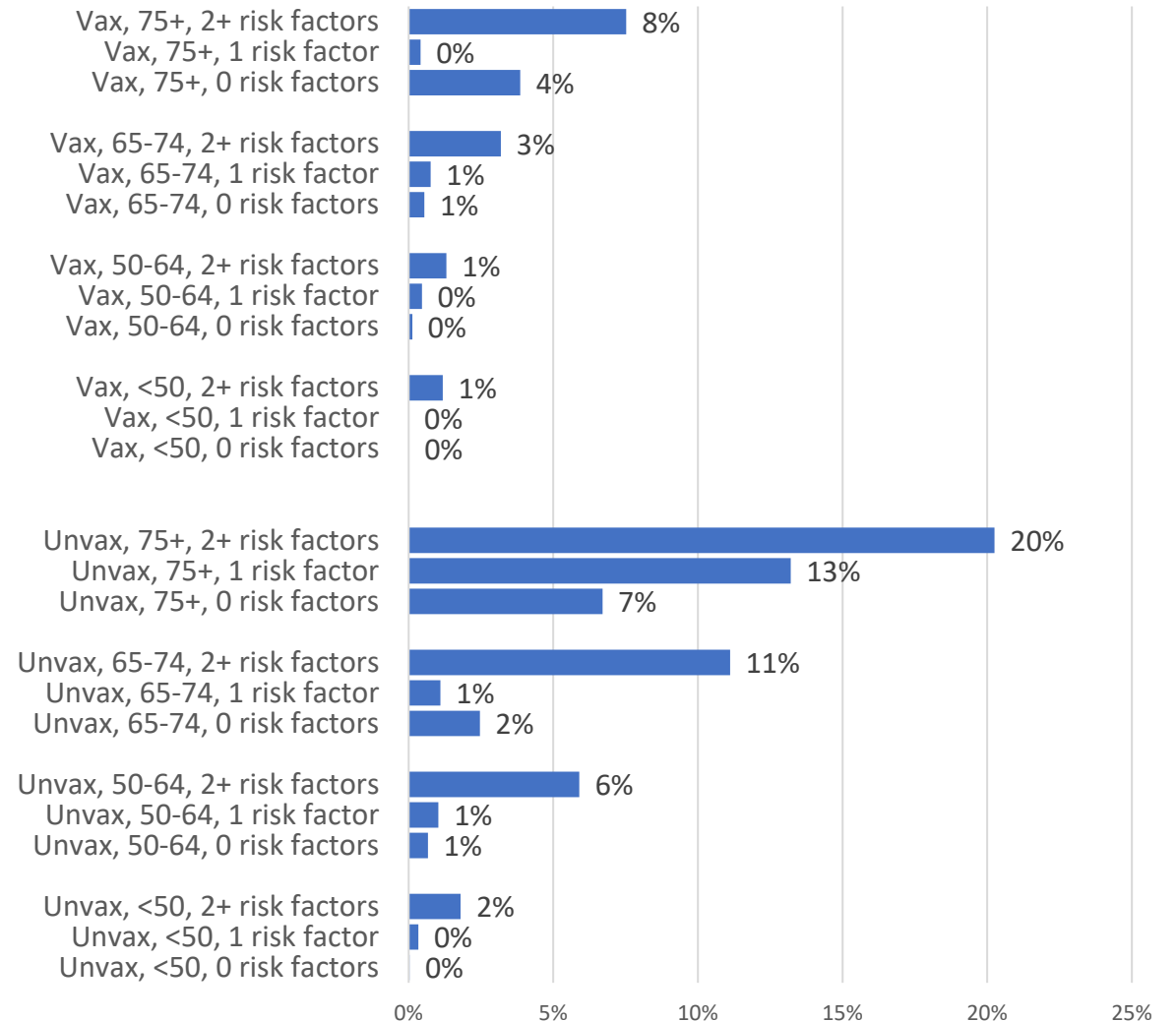
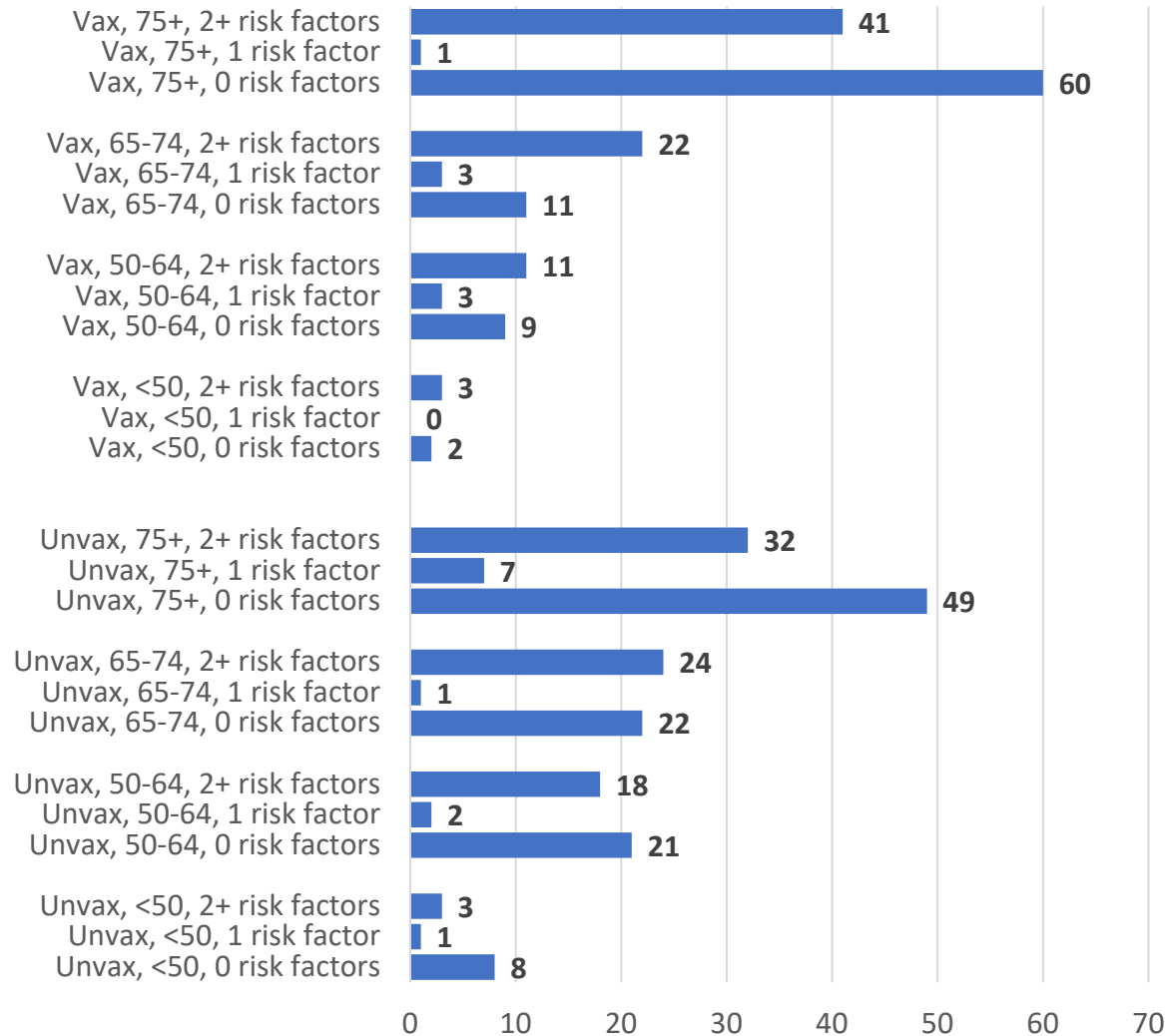


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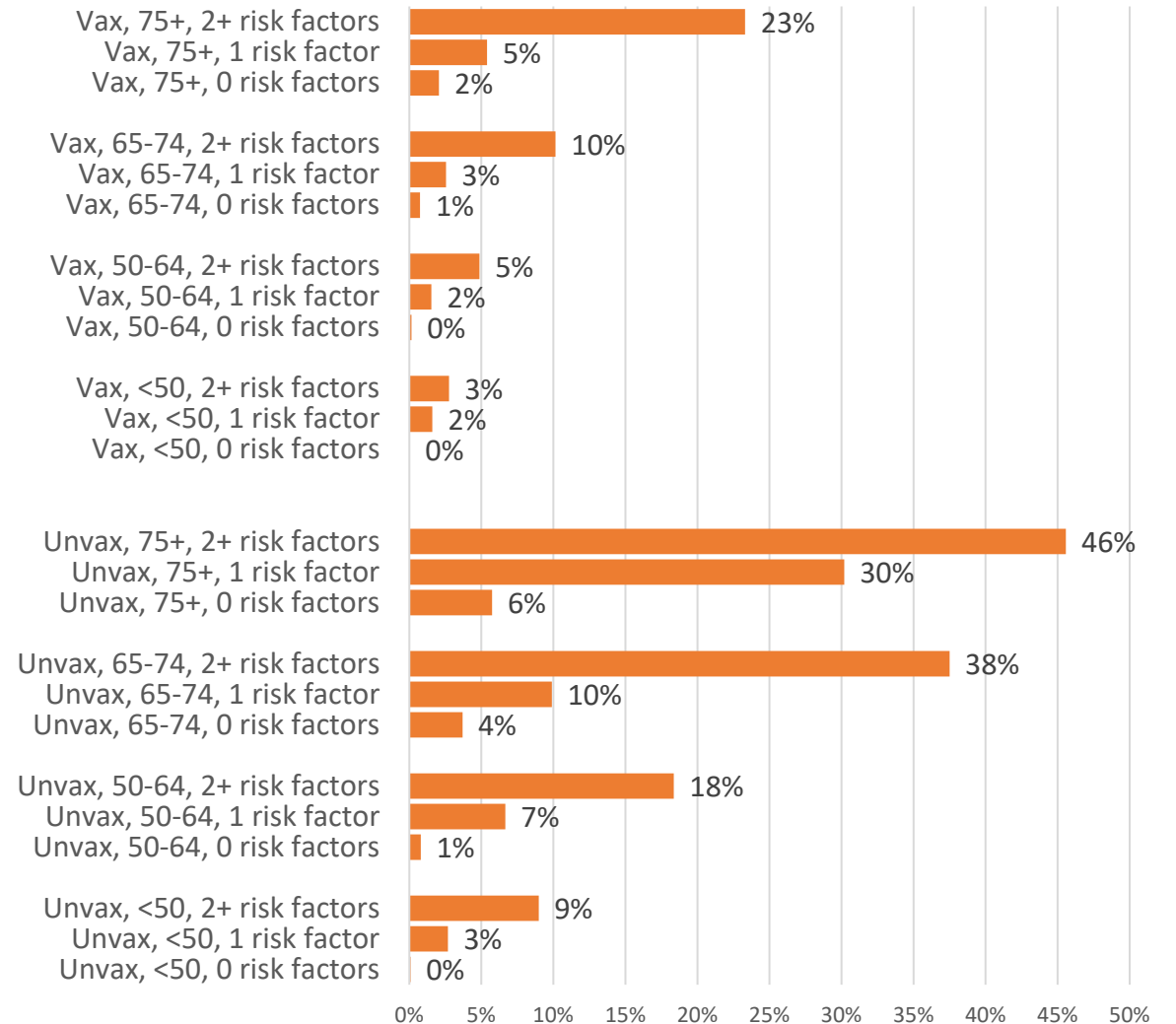
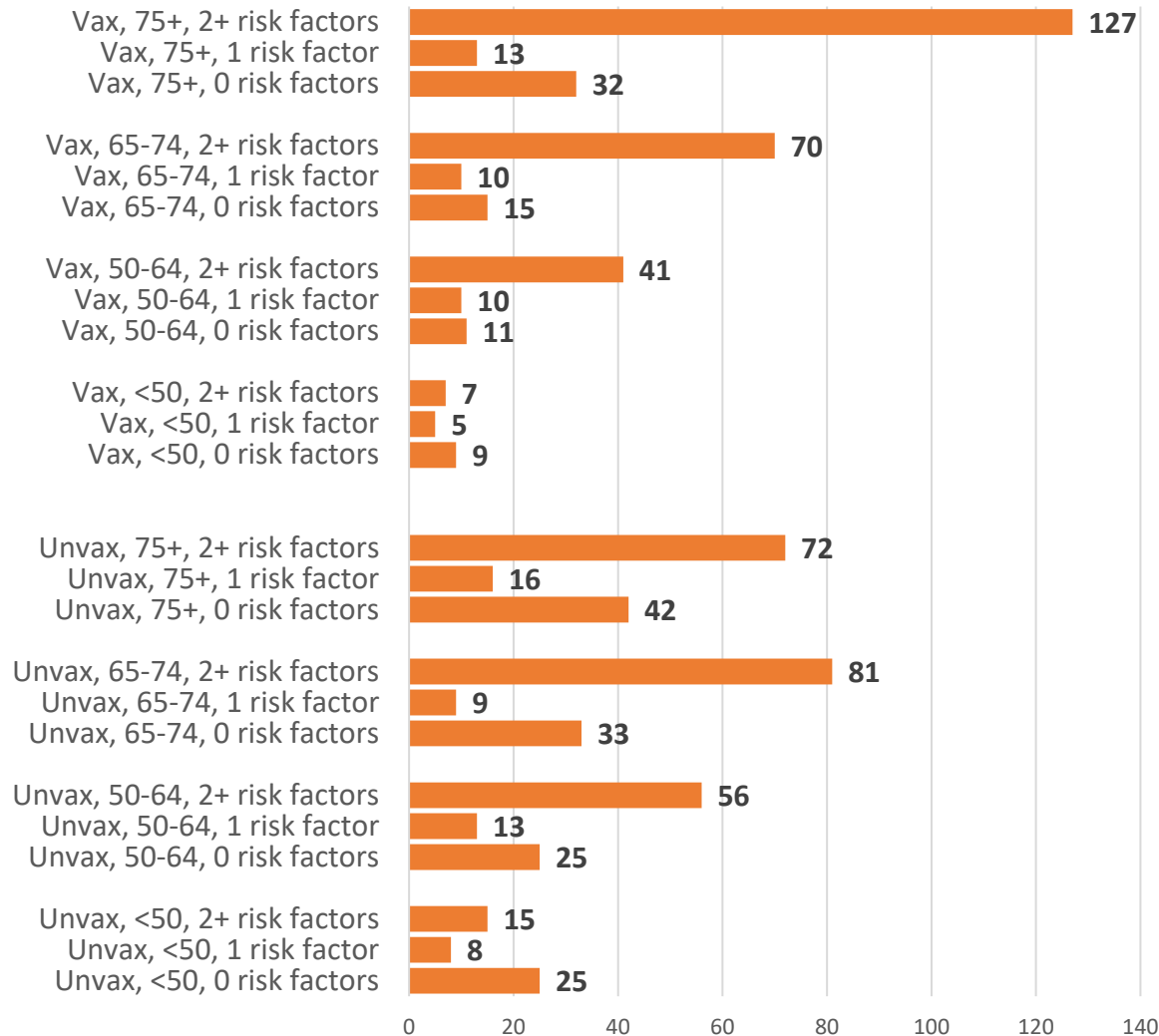
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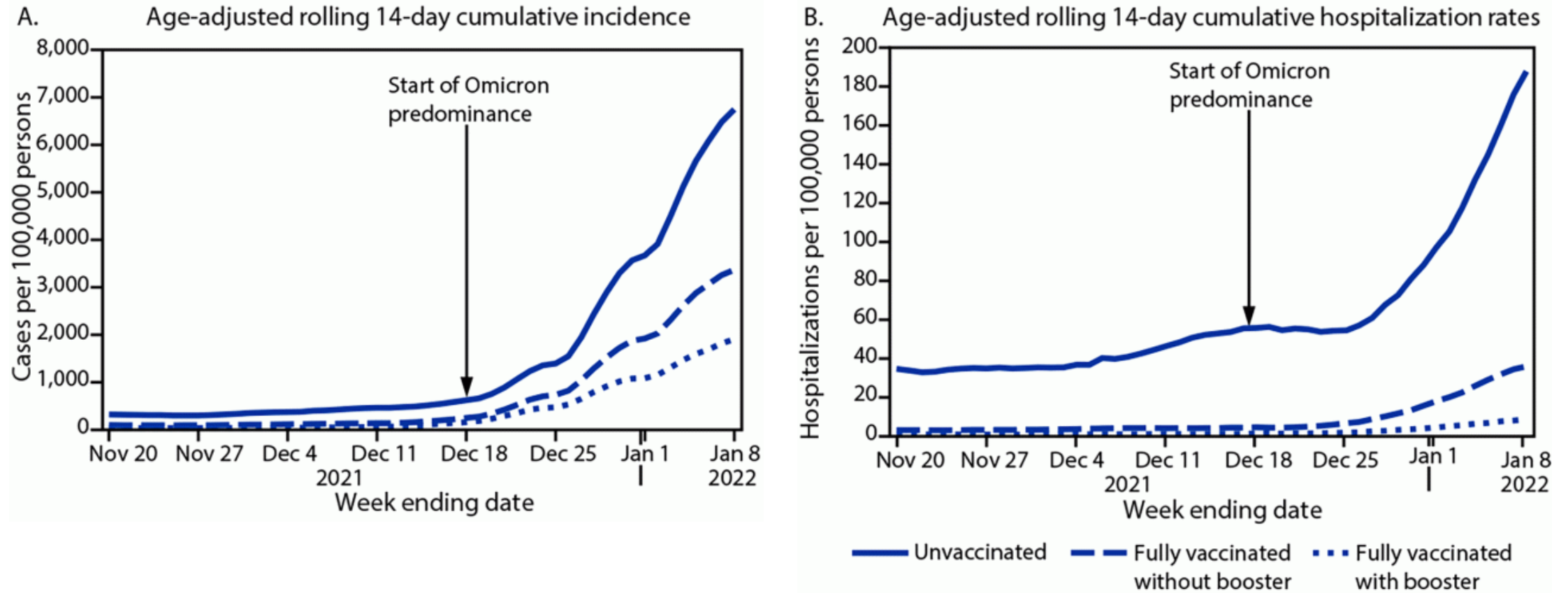
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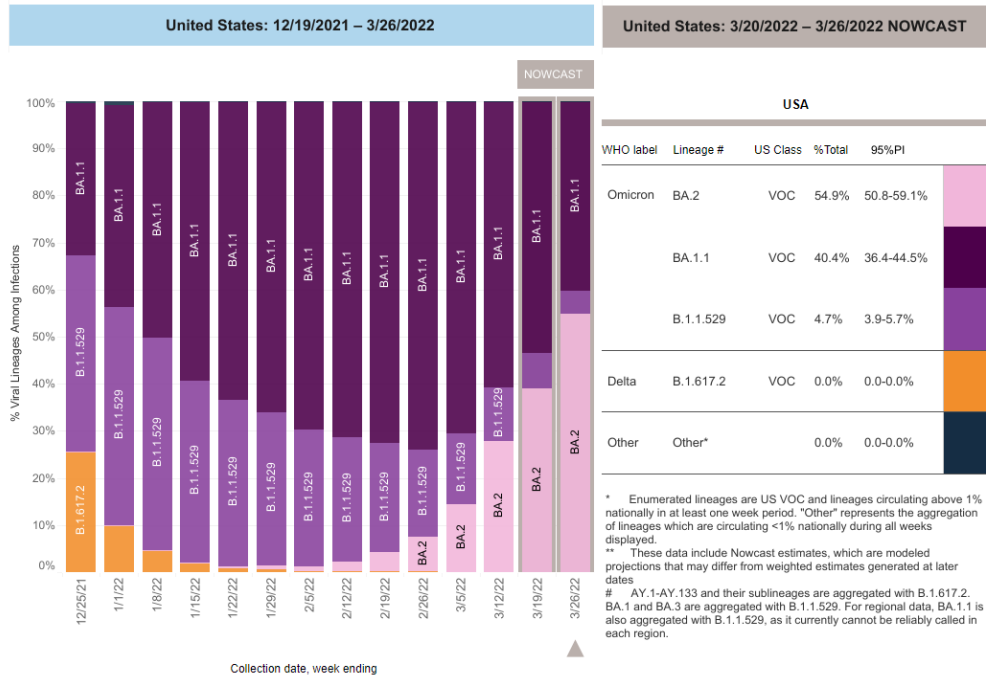
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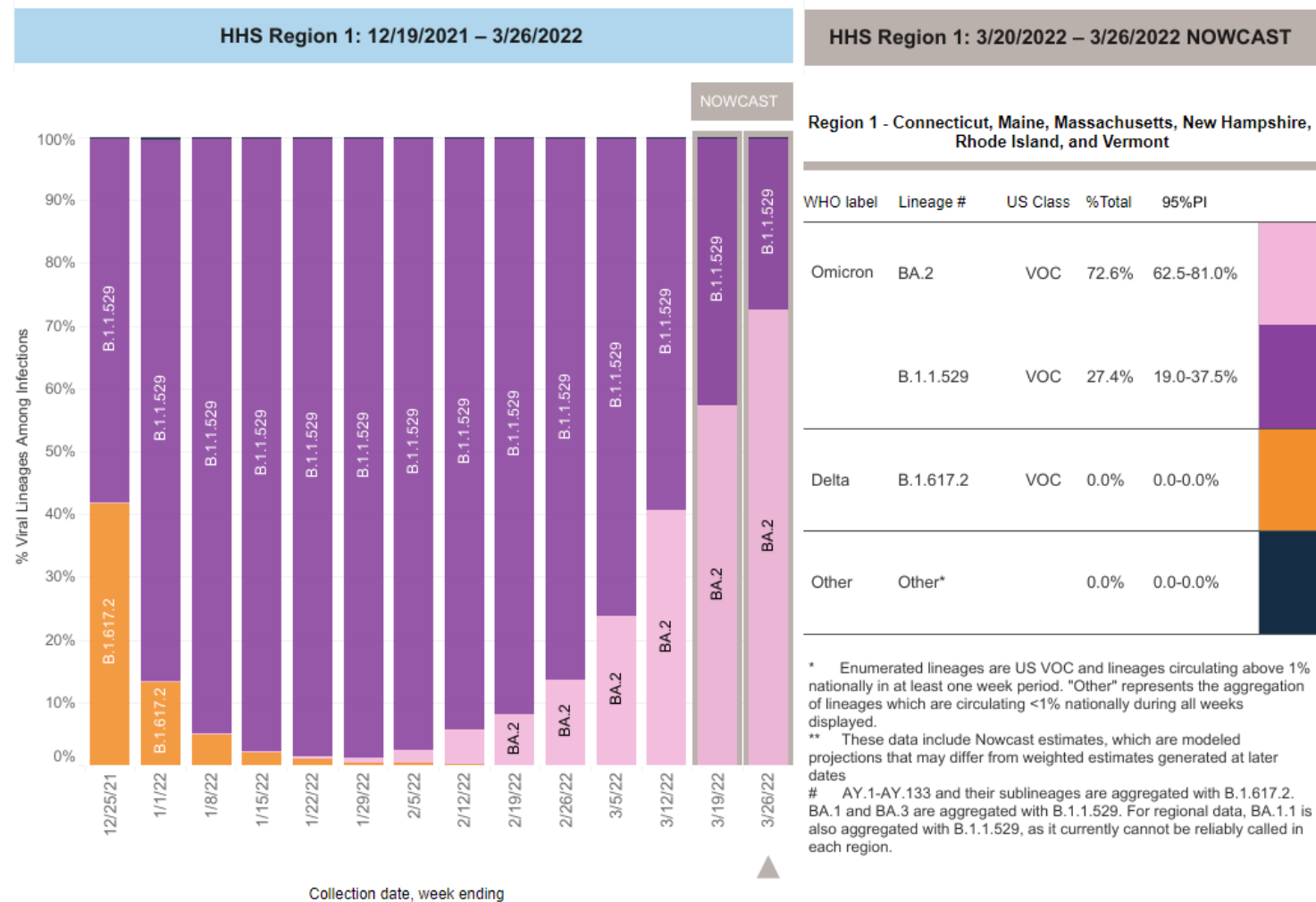
Severe outcomes vary by vaccination status



COVID-19 Variants of Concern: US and Region 1



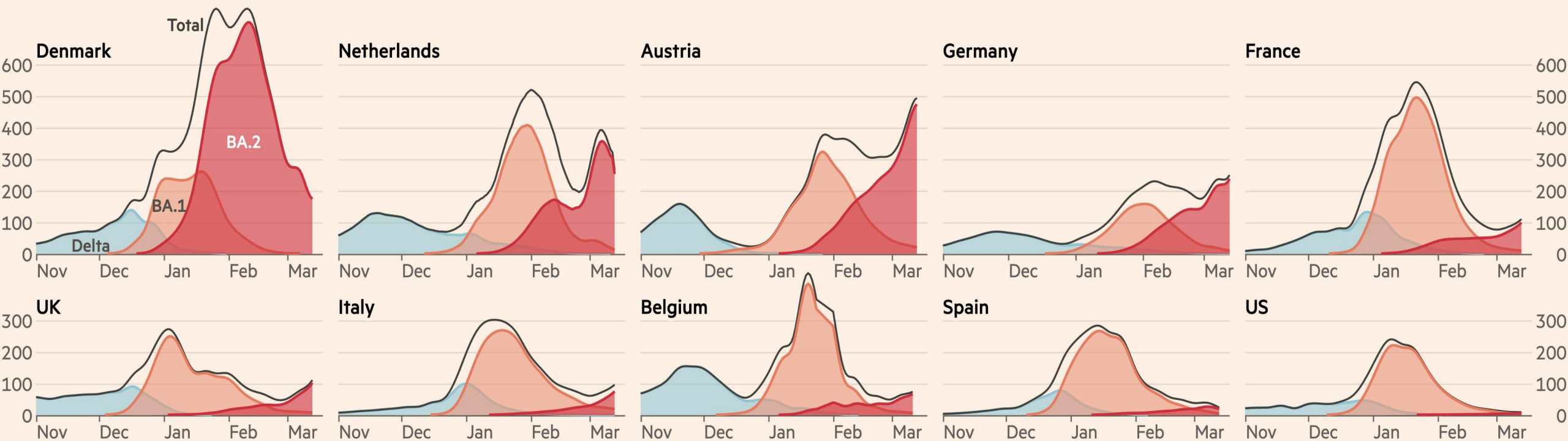
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Is a BA.2 wave on its way to shore right now?

The BA.2 Omicron sublineage has displaced the original strain and is driving new surges in cases across Europe, with Denmark and the Netherlands now past their BA.2 peaks

7-day average of new confirmed cases per 100k people, by variant*



*Each variant's share of all cases estimated using method from Tom Wenseleers / @TWenseleers, then applied to case rates

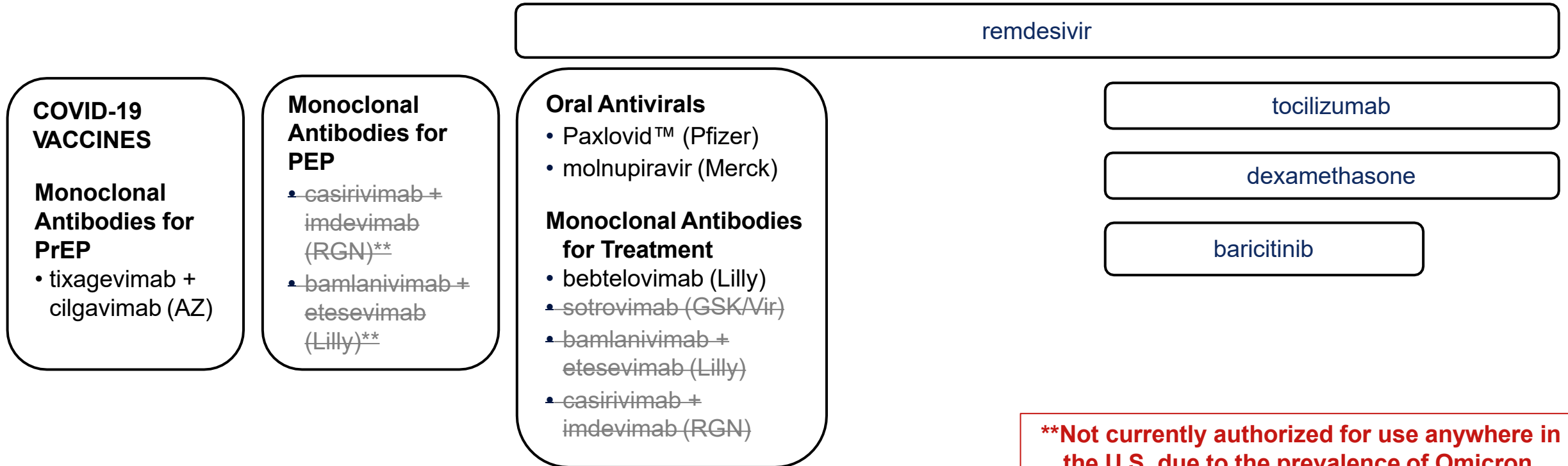
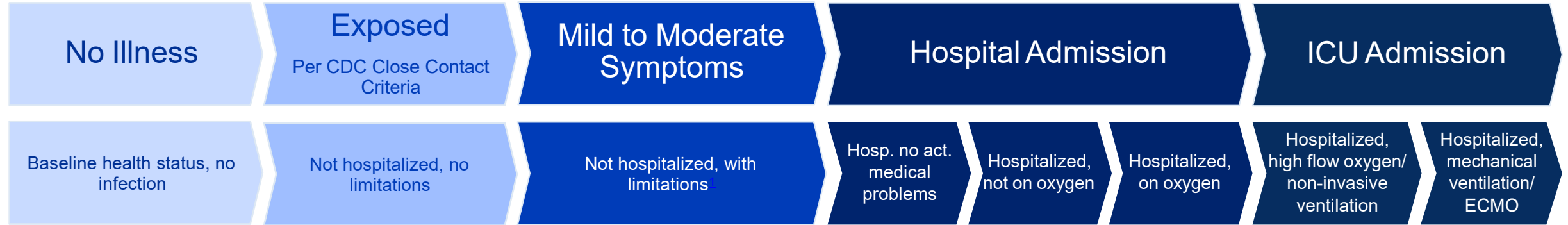
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Prevention of COVID-19 infection: vaccines and drugs

COVID-19 Preventative Agents & Therapeutics



****Not currently authorized for use anywhere in the U.S. due to the prevalence of Omicron.**

Figure 1. COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule*

Vaccine	0 month		1 month		2 month		3 month		4 month		5 month		6 month		7 month	
Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 5–11 years)	1 st dose		2 nd dose (3 weeks after 1 st dose)													
Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 12 years and older)	1 st dose		2 nd dose† (3-8 weeks after 1 st dose)									Booster dose‡ (at least 5 months after 2 nd dose)				
Moderna (ages 18 years and older)	1 st dose		2 nd dose† (4-8 weeks after 1 st dose)									Booster dose‡ (at least 5 months after 2 nd dose)				
Janssen (ages 18 years and older)	1 st dose				Booster dose‡ (at least 2 months after 1 st dose)											

Note: Timeline is approximate. Intervals of 3 months or fewer are converted into weeks per the formula “1 month = 4 weeks”. Intervals of 4 months or more are converted into calendar months.

* See [Guidance for COVID-19 vaccination for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised](#) for schedule for people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised.

† An 8-week interval may be optimal for some people ages 12 years and older, especially for males ages 12 to 39 years. A shorter interval (3 weeks for Pfizer-BioNTech; 4 weeks for Moderna) between the first and second doses remains the recommended interval for: people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised; adults ages 65 years and older; and others who need rapid protection due to increased concern about community transmission or risk of severe disease.

‡ An mRNA COVID-19 vaccine is preferred over the Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine for booster vaccination of people ages 18 years and older. For people ages 12–17 years, only Pfizer-BioNTech can be used. People ages 5–11 years should not receive a booster dose.

Figure 2. COVID-19 Vaccination Schedule for People Who Are Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised

Vaccine	0 month			1 month			2 month			3 month			4 month			5 month		
Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 5–11 years)	1 st dose			2 nd dose (3 weeks after 1 st dose)			3 rd dose (at least 4 weeks after 2 nd dose)											
Pfizer-BioNTech (ages 12 years and older)	1 st dose			2 nd dose (3 weeks after 1 st dose)			3 rd dose (at least 4 weeks after 2 nd dose)									Booster dose* (at least 3 months after 3 rd dose)		
Moderna (ages 18 years and older)	1 st dose			2 nd dose (4 weeks after 1 st dose)			3 rd dose (at least 4 weeks after 2 nd dose)										Booster dose* (at least 3 months after 3 rd dose)	
Janssen (ages 18 years and older)	1 st dose			2 nd (additional) dose [†] using an mRNA COVID-19 vaccine (at least 4 weeks after 1 st dose)						Booster dose* (at least 2 months after additional dose)								

Note: Timeline is approximate. Intervals of 3 months or fewer are converted into weeks per the formula “1 month = 4 weeks”. Intervals of 4 months or more are converted into calendar months.

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† Only Pfizer-BioNTech or Moderna COVID-19 Vaccine should be used. See Appendix B for more information on vaccinating people who are moderately or severely immunocompromised and who received Janssen COVID-19 Vaccine for the primary series.

Who Is Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised?

People are considered moderately or severely immunocompromised if they have:

- Been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood
- Received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or are taking medicine to suppress the immune system
- Moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome)
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection
- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that may suppress their immune response

EVUSHELD™ (tixagevimab and cilgavimab) – AstraZeneca *Monoclonal Antibody for IM Injection*



[EVUSHELD Product Information](https://www.evusheld.com)

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EVUSHELD™ (tixagevimab and cilgavimab) Authorization

EVUSHELD™ (tixagevimab and cilgavimab) is indicated for PrEP of COVID-19 in adults and pediatric (12 years of age and older, weighing at least 40 kg):

Who are not currently infected with SARS-CoV-2 and who have not had a known recent exposure to an individual infected with SARS-CoV-2, **AND**

- Who have moderate to severe immune compromise due to a medical condition or receipt of immunosuppressive medications or treatments and may not mount an adequate immune response to COVID-19 vaccination, **OR**
- For whom vaccination with any available COVID-19 vaccine, according to the approved or authorized schedule, is not recommended due to a history of severe adverse reaction (e.g., severe allergic reaction) to a COVID-19 vaccine(s) and/or COVID-19 vaccine component(s).

[Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization for Evusheld \(tixagevimab co-packaged with cilgavimab\)](https://www.fda.gov/media/154701/download) (<https://www.fda.gov/media/154701/download>)

Evusheld (tixagevimab and cilgavimab)

Dosage and Administration

- **300 mg** of tixagevimab and **300 mg** of cilgavimab administered as two separate consecutive intramuscular injections.
 - Preferably one in each of the gluteal muscles, one after the other.

Contraindications and Precautions

- History of severe hypersensitivity reactions, including anaphylaxis, to any component of Evusheld.
- Administer with caution to people with any coagulation disorder and at high risk for cardiovascular events.

Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization For Evusheld (tixagevimab co-packaged with cilgavimab) (<https://www.fda.gov/media/154701/download>)

Evusheld (tixagevimab and cilgavimab): Limitations of Authorized Use

- Evusheld is **not authorized** for use:
 - *For treatment of COVID-19.*
 - *For post-exposure prophylaxis of COVID-19 in individuals who have been exposed to someone infected with SARS-CoV-2.*
- PrEP with Evusheld is not a substitute for **vaccination** in individuals for whom COVID-19 vaccination is recommended. Individuals for whom COVID-19 vaccination is recommended, including individuals with moderate to severe immune compromise¹ who may derive benefit from COVID-19 vaccination, should receive COVID-19 vaccination.
- In individuals who have received a COVID-19 vaccine, Evusheld should be administered at least **2 weeks** after vaccination.
- Evusheld may only be prescribed by a healthcare provider licensed under state law to prescribe drugs for an individually identified patient and who has the education and training to make the clinical assessment necessary for appropriate use of Evusheld.

¹[CDC Clinical Considerations for COVID-19 Vaccines \(https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html\)](https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/clinical-considerations/covid-19-vaccines-us.html)

EVUSHELD™ Product Information

- FDA Fact Sheets

- [EVUSHELD provider fact sheet](https://www.fda.gov/media/154701/download): <https://www.fda.gov/media/154701/download>
- [EVUSHELD patient fact sheet](https://www.fda.gov/media/154702/download): <https://www.fda.gov/media/154702/download>
- [EVUSHELD patient fact sheet \(Spanish\)](https://www.fda.gov/media/155196/download): <https://www.fda.gov/media/155196/download>

- Manufacturer's Resources:

- [Website for Healthcare Providers](https://www.evusheld.com/hcp): <https://www.evusheld.com/hcp>
- [Website for Patients](https://www.evusheld.com/patient): <https://www.evusheld.com/patient>

- Additional Resources:

- [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on Therapies for High-Risk, Nonhospitalized Patients](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/)
<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/>
- [COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator](https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/): <https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>
- [FDA MedWatch](https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm): <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm>
- [Safety Reporting](https://contactazmedical.astrazeneca.com/): <https://contactazmedical.astrazeneca.com/>
- [Module 4 Monoclonal Antibody Administration](#)

CMS and HRSA Resources

CMS Resources:

- [COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies and Outpatient Administration of Veklury \(remdesivir\):](https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/monoclonal-antibody-covid-19-infusion)
(<https://www.cms.gov/medicare/covid-19/monoclonal-antibody-covid-19-infusion>)
- [Permissible Flexibilities Related to Oral Antiviral Drugs for Treatment of COVID-19 that May Receive U.S. Food and Drug Administration Emergency Use Authorization and are Procured by the U.S. Government](https://www.cms.gov/files/document/hpms-memo-oral-antiviral-guidance.pdf) (<https://www.cms.gov/files/document/hpms-memo-oral-antiviral-guidance.pdf>)
- Oral Antiviral NDC Numbers:
 - **Paxlovid: 0069-1085-06**
 - **Molnupiravir: 0006-5055-06, 0006-5055-07**

Continue to check CMS website for most up to date information: www.CMS.gov

HRSA Resources:

- [COVID-19 Claims Reimbursement for the Uninsured:](https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim) (<https://www.hrsa.gov/CovidUninsuredClaim>)
- [FAQ:](https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/frequently-asked-questions.html) (<https://coviduninsuredclaim.linkhealth.com/frequently-asked-questions.html>)

Eligibility & Prioritization for COVID-19 PrEP

Maine Category 1

- Lung Transplant Recipient (any time frame)
- Small Bowel Recipient (any time frame)
- Receipt of immunosuppressive medication within past 12 months (any condition, oncology or non-oncology):
 - Anti-thymocyte globulin (ATG)
 - Alemtuzumab
 - Anti-B-Cell Therapy: Rituximab, Ocrelizumab, Ofatumumab
- Patients with hematologic malignancies who are on active therapy
- Allogeneic Stem Cell Transplant, within 12 months of Transplant
- Autologous Stem Cell Transplant, within 6 months of Transplant
- Recipient of more than one active Transplant, different Organs (any time frame)
- Receipt of anti-CD19 or anti-BCMA (CAR)-T-Cell Immunotherapy, within six months of treatment
- Primary or Secondary T-Cell Immunodeficiency, including Severe Combined Immunodeficiency:
 - Agammaglobulinemia (XLA/ARAG)
 - Common Variable Immunodeficiency (CVID) and similar phenotype with T-cell dysfunction
 - Defects of Innate Immunity with predominant susceptibility to Viral Infections (e.g., WHIM Syndrome)
- Additional pediatric conditions (age 12–17 years):
 - Combined immune deficiencies with or without immune dysregulation (e.g., APDS, STAT3 GOF, ALPS)
 - Primary immune regulatory disorders with or without immune deficiency (e.g., APECED, XIAP)
 - High-risk or relapsed acute lymphoblastic leukemia/lymphoblastic lymphoma on intensive therapy (not maintenance therapy)

Maine Category 2

- Allogeneic stem cell transplant, more than 12 months since transplant
- Autologous stem cell transplant, more than 6 months since transplant
- Multiple myeloma, on maintenance therapy
- Any solid tumor, on active myelosuppressive chemotherapy
- Any solid organ transplant recipient not otherwise eligible in Category 1
- Other chronic leukemias, on treatment
- *Patients in lower categories with more than one qualifying condition*

Maine Category 3

- Active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids (i.e., more than 20 mg prednisone or equivalent per day when administered for two weeks or longer)
- Active treatment with other biologic agents that are immunosuppressive or immunomodulatory, not otherwise listed in Categories 1–2
- Advanced or untreated HIV infection:
 - HIV with CD4 less than 200/mm³ (if aged less than 14 years, CD4% less than 15%)
 - AIDS-defining illness

Maine Category 4

- Persons for whom vaccination with any available COVID-19 vaccine, according to the approved or authorized schedule, is not recommended, due to a history of severe adverse reaction, e.g., severe allergic reaction to a COVID-19 vaccine(s) and/or COVID-19 vaccine component(s).

Evusheld access in the State of Maine

Patients who currently qualify for treatment, or who have questions about eligibility or whether to get this drug, should contact their primary care provider. Patients who do not have a primary care provider should contact a healthcare facility for further information on how to access EVUSHELD at that healthcare facility. Maine CDC is NOT able to coordinate treatment for individual patients.

Healthcare providers can contact any of the healthcare systems or facilities in Maine that have Evusheld to refer their patient(s) for Evusheld treatment.

Healthcare systems/healthcare facilities that would like to start getting their own EVUSHELD supply may contact Kristen McAuley (kristen.m.mcauley@maine.gov) at Maine CDC to request details on how to get an allocation.

Healthcare System/Facility	Location(s)
Central Maine Medical Center	Lewiston
Eastern Maine/Northern Light Hospital	Bangor
MaineGeneral	Augusta
MaineHealth/Maine Medical Center	Portland
N.E. Cancer Specialists	Multiple
Redington Fairview Hospital	Skowhegan
York Hospital	York

For more information, go to *Maine CDC: COVID-19 Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis: Information for Providers* (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/prophylaxis.shtml>)



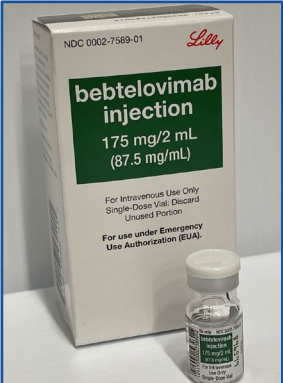
Hemostatic Considerations for Evusheld

EVUSHELD is a new combination monoclonal antibody administered as two concomitant IM injections in the gluteal muscle. Maine is experiencing extreme scarcity of blood products to support patients should they have a bleed or hematoma from a deep muscle injection. Thus, strong considerations and judicious clinical discretion is advised for those patients who may be at risk for bleeding from a deep muscle injection.

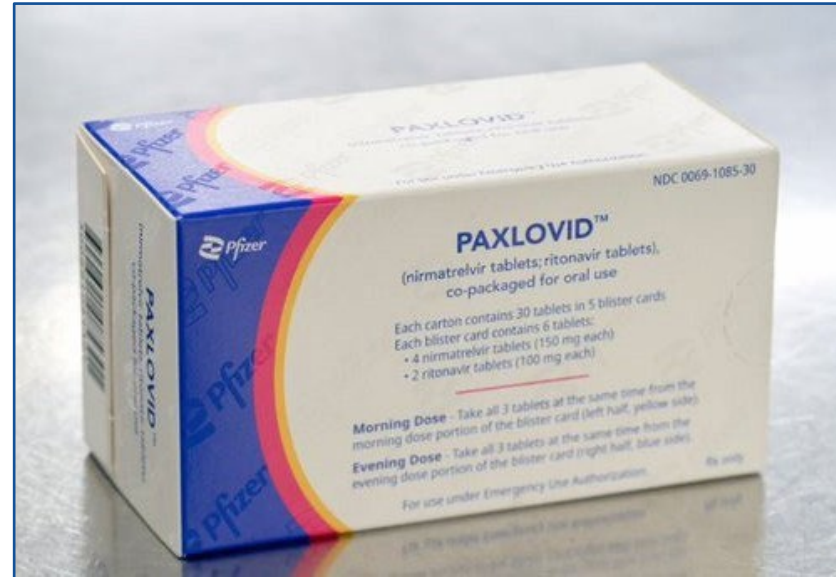
- Contraindications for administration in patients who otherwise meet the eligibility per EUA criteria include:
 - Clinically significant heritable bleeding disorder or bleeding diathesis despite a normal platelet count.
 - Platelet count <20,000/uL.
 - On anticoagulation with warfarin, direct acting oral anticoagulation (DOACs) drug(s), or heparin agents, unless they can be safely held in advance.
 - Dual antiplatelet therapy for stent or other considerations.
- As experience with this drug expands and as stress on the blood supply lessens, these parameters will be re-evaluated.

Oral and IV outpatient treatment for COVID-19

Overview of oral and IV therapies

Class	Oral	Intravenous
Antivirals	<p>Paxlovid</p>  <p>molnupiravir</p> 	<p>remdesivir</p> 
Monoclonal antibodies		 <p>bebtelovimab</p>

Paxlovid™ (nirmatrelvir and ritonavir) – Pfizer *Oral Antiviral*



[Paxlovid Product Information](https://www.pfizer.com/products/product-detail/paxlovidtm)

<https://www.pfizer.com/products/product-detail/paxlovidtm>

Paxlovid Authorization

- FDA has issued an EUA for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults (12 years of age and older weighing more than 40 kg) who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization and death, as soon as possible after diagnosis of COVID-19 and within 5 days of symptom onset.
- Paxlovid includes: nirmatrelvir (a SARS-CoV-2 main proteases inhibitor) and ritonavir (a CYP34A inhibitor).
- Limitations of authorized use:
 - Not authorized for initiation of treatment in patients requiring hospitalization due to severe or critical COVID-19.
 - Not authorized for PrEP or PEP for prevention of COVID-19.
 - Not authorized for use longer than 5 consecutive days.
- Paxlovid may only be prescribed for an individual patient by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants that are licensed or authorized under state law to prescribe drugs in the therapeutic class to which Paxlovid belongs (i.e., anti-infectives).

[Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers Emergency Use Authorization of Paxlovid](https://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download) (<https://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download>)

Paxlovid

Dosage and Administration

- **eGFR 60 or greater:** 300 mg nirmatrelvir (two 150 mg tablets) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) taken together twice daily for 5 days.
- **eGFR ≥ 30 mL/min to < 60 mL/min:** 150 mg nirmatrelvir (one 150 mg tablet) with 100 mg ritonavir (one 100 mg tablet) taken together twice daily for 5 days.
- **eGFR < 30 mL/min:** Currently not recommended

Contraindications and Precautions

- History of clinically significant hypersensitivity reactions to the active ingredients or any other components.
- Co-administration with drugs highly dependent on CYP3A for clearance may result in life-threatening reactions¹.
- Co-administration with potent CYP3A inducers may result in reduced nirmatrelvir plasma concentrations and potential loss of virologic response.
- The concomitant use of Paxlovid and certain other drugs may result in potentially significant drug interactions.
- Hepatic transaminase elevations, clinical hepatitis, and jaundice have occurred in patients receiving ritonavir.
- Paxlovid use may lead to a risk of HIV-1 developing resistance to HIV protease inhibitors in individuals with uncontrolled or undiagnosed HIV-1 infection.

¹Liverpool Covid-19 interaction checker <https://covid19-druginteractions.org/>

[Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization For Paxlovid.](https://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download)

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Paxlovid™ Provider Checklist

- ☐ Positive SARS-CoV-2 test
- ☐ Age ≥ 12 years
- ☐ Weight ≥ 40 kg
- ☐ High-risk criteria met
- ☐ Symptoms consistent with mild-moderate COVID-19
- ☐ Symptom onset with **5 days***
- ☐ Not hospitalized due to COVID-19
- ☐ If clinically indicated, assess patient renal function
 - eGFR ≥ 60 mL/min, standard dosing
 - eGFR ≥ 30 to < 60 mL/min, dose modification
 - eGFR < 30 mL/min, not recommended
- ☐ If clinically indicated, assess patient hepatic function
 - Child-Pugh Class C, contraindicated
- ☐ **Assess patient's home medication list for drug-drug interactions**
 - See next slide for more detail

*Prescriber is encouraged to include a note to the pharmacist in the prescription stating:

Please fill prescription by [insert date] . This prescription fill by date is within 5 days from symptom onset and complies with the patient eligibility criteria under the EUA.

Paxlovid™ Contraindications*

Hypersensitivity Reactions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• History of clinically significant hypersensitivity reactions (e.g., TEN, SJS) to its active ingredients (nirmatrelvir or ritonavir) or any other components of the product
Drugs highly dependent on CYP3A4 for clearance and for which elevated concentrations are associated with severe/life-threatening reactions*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Alpha1-adrenoreceptor antagonists: alfuzosin• Analgesics: pethidone, piroxicam, propoxyphene• Antianginal: ranolazine• Antiarrhythmic: amiodarone, dronedarone, flecainide, propafenone, quinidine• Anti-gout: colchicine• Antipsychotics: lurasidone, pimozide, clozapine• Ergot derivatives: dihydroergotamine, ergotamine, methylergonovine• HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors: lovastatin, simvastatin• PDE5 inhibitor: sildenafil (Revatio) when used for PAH• Sedative/hypnotics: triazolam, oral midazolam
Drugs that are potent CYP3A inducers where significantly reduced nirmatrelvir or ritonavir concentrations may be associated with loss of virologic response or resistance*	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Anticancer drugs: apalutamide• Anticonvulsant:: carbamazepine, phenobarbital., phenytoin• Antimycobacterials: rifampin• Herbal product: St John's Wort (<i>hypericum perforatum</i>)

*NOT COMPLETE LIST OF ALL DDI's. ALWAYS USE [CLINICAL TOOLS/DDI CHECKER](#) AND USE CLINICAL JUDGMENT https://covid19-druginteractions.org/view_all_interactions
For additional information see: [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on Paxlovid Drug-Drug Interactions](#)
(<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/statement-on-paxlovid-drug-drug-interactions/>)

Paxlovid provider fact sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download>

Paxlovid™ Renal Adjustment Instructions for Pharmacists

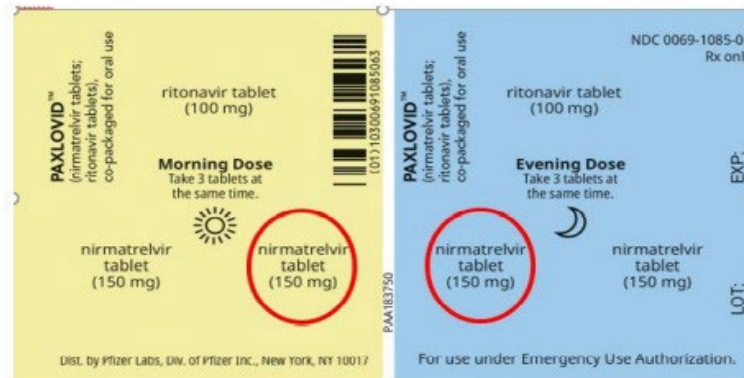


Figure 1: Remove the nirmatrelvir tablets circled in red from the blister card

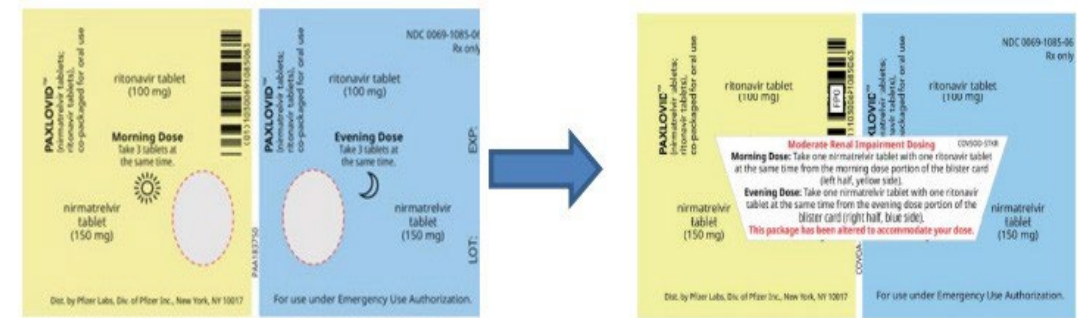


Figure 2: Placement of sticker over empty blister cavities and pre-printed dosing instruction after removal of nirmatrelvir tablets

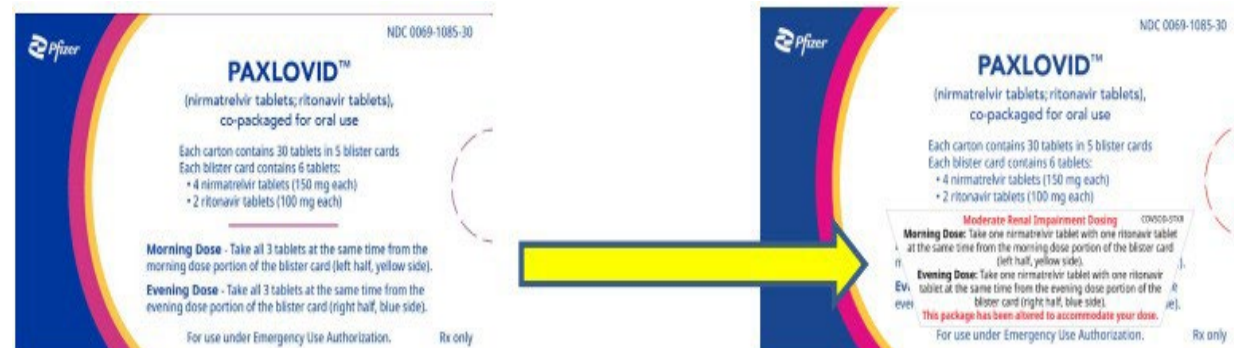


Figure 3: Placement of sticker over pre-printed dosing regimen on carton

Pharmacist Instruction Sheet: https://www.covid19oralrx-hcp.com/files/Clean_EUA-105-mitigation-plan-for-moderate-renal-impairment-01-11-22.pdf

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- Paxlovid provider fact sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download>
- Paxlovid patient fact sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/155051/download>
- Paxlovid patient fact sheet (Spanish): <https://www.fda.gov/media/155075/download>

- Manufacturer's Resources:

- Website for Healthcare Providers: <https://www.covid19oralrx-hcp.com/>
- Website for Patients: <https://www.covid19oralrx-patient.com/>
- Pharmacist Instruction Sheet: https://www.covid19oralrx-hcp.com/files/Clean_EUA-105-mitigation-plan-for-moderate-renal-impairment-01-11-22.pdf

- Additional Resources:

- NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on Therapies for High-Risk, Nonhospitalized Patients
<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/>
- COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator: <https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/>
- FDA MedWatch: <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm>
- Safety Reporting: <http://www.pfizersafetyreporting.com/>
- Module 5 Oral Therapeutics Administration

Paxlovid Drug-Drug Interaction Tool

***CI** – Contraindicated, do not prescribe Paxlovid Do not prescribe Paxlovid with concurrent opioids + benzodiazepines **OK** – No expected interactions
UWC – Use with caution, probable interaction **W8D** – Withhold for 8 days when starting Paxlovid **R*/*** - Reduce dose by fraction for 8 days when starting Paxlovid

Acetaminophen Tylenol - OK	Dextromethorphan - OK	Levocetirizine Xyzal - OK	Propafenone - *CI
Abatacept Orenzia - OK	Diazepam Valium - *CI	Levofloxacin - OK	Propranolol Inderal - OK
Acyclovir Zovirax - OK	Dicyclomine Bentyl - OK	Levomilnacipran Fetzima - OK	Pseudoephedrine - OK
Adalimumab Humira - OK	Dihydroergotamine - *CI	Levothyroxine Synthroid - OK	Quetiapine Seroquel - *CI
Albuterol - OK	Diltiazem Cardizem - UWC	Liraglutide Victoza - OK	Quinidine - *CI
Alendronate - OK	Diphenhydramine - OK	Lisdexamphetamine Vyvanse - OK	Ramelteon Rozerem – R1/2
Alfuzosin - W8D	Disopyramide Norpace - *CI	Lisinopril - OK	Ranibizumab Lucentis - OK
Allopurinol - OK	Dofetilide Tikosyn - *CI	Lithium - OK	Ranolazine - *CI
Alprazolam Xanax - R1/2	Donepezil Aricept - OK	Lomitapide - W8D	Rifampin/Rifapentine - *CI
Amantadine - OK	Doxycycline - OK	Loratadine Claritin - OK	Rimagepant Nurtec - *CI
Amiodarone - *CI	Dronedarone Multaq - *CI	Losartan Cozaar - OK	Risedronate Actonel - OK
Amitriptyline Elavil - OK	Dulaglutide Trulicity - OK	Lorazepam Ativan - OK <i>unaffected</i>	Risperidone Risperdal - *CI
Amlodipine Norvasc - R1/2	Duloxetine Cymbalta - OK	Lovastatin - W8D	Rituximab Rituxan - OK
Amoxicillin - OK	Dutasteride Avodart - OK	Lumateperone - *CI	Rivaroxaban Xarelto - *CI
Amphetamine Adderall - OK	Edoxaban - 30mg/d max	Meloxicam Mobic - OK	Rivastigmine Exelon - OK
Apalutamide Erleada - *CI	Eletriptan Relpax - W8D	Memantine Namenda - OK	Rizatriptan Maxalt - OK
Apixaban Eliquis 2.5 mg BID - *CI	Elexa/Teza/Ivac Trikafta - *CI	Metaxalone Skelaxin - OK	Ropinirole Requip - OK
Apixaban Eliquis 5-10 mg BID - R1/2	Empagliflozin Jardiance - OK	Mesalamine Asacol - OK	Rosuvastatin Crestor - W8D
Aripiprazole Abilify - R1/2	Etanercept Enbrel - OK	Metformin - OK	Salmeterol Serevent - *CI
Aspirin - OK	Eplerenone - *CI	Methadone - UWC <i>possible withdrawal</i>	Saxagliptin Onglyza – 2.5 mg/d max
Atenolol Tenormin - OK	Ethanol - OK	Methocarbamol Robaxin - OK	Scopolamine - OK
Atomoxetine Strattera - OK	Ergotamine - *CI	Methotrexate - OK	Semaglutide Wegovy -OK
Atorvastatin Lipitor - W8D	Escitalopram Lexapro - OK	Methylgonovine - *CI	Senna - OK
Avanafil Stendra for ED - W8D	Esomeprazole Nexium - OK	Methylphenidate Concerta - OK	Sertraline Zoloft - OK
Avanafil for pulm art. HTN - *CI	Estrogen - OK	Metoprolol Toprol - OK	Sildenafil Viagra for ED - W8D
Azithromycin Zpak - OK	Eszopiclone Lunesta - 2mg/d max	Metronidazole Flagyl - OK	Sildenafil for pulm art. HTN - *CI
Baclofen Lioresal - OK	Everolimus - *CI	Mexiletine - *CI	Silodosin Rapaflo - W8D
Beclomethasone Qvar - OK	Exenatide Byetta - OK	Mirtazapine Remeron - OK	Simvastatin Zocor - W8D
Benazepril Lotensin - OK	Famotidine Pepcid - OK	Mometasone nasal inh Nasonex - OK	Sirolimus Rapamune - *CI
Benzonatate Tessalon - OK	Felodipine Plendil - UWC	Mometasone oral inh Asmanex - OK	Sitagliptin Januvia - OK
Bevacizumab Avastin - OK	Fentanyl - *CI	Montelukast Singulair - OK	Sotalol Betapace - OK
Bisoprolol - OK	Fexofenadine Allegra - OK	Morphine - UWC <i>possible withdrawal</i>	St John's Wort - *CI
Bosentan Treacleer - *CI	Finasteride Propecia - OK	Nadolol - UWC	Sumatriptan Imitrex - OK
Brexipiprazole Rexulti - R1/2	Finerenone - *CI	Naloxone - OK	Suvorexant Belsomra – W8D
Budesonide Pulmicort - R1/2	Flecainide Tambocor - *CI	Naproxen Alleve - OK	Tacrolimus Prograf – W8D
Bumetanide Bumex - OK	Flibanserin - *CI	Nebivolol Bystolic - OK	Tadalafil Cialis for ED - W8D
Buprenorphine - UWC Rx <i>Narcan</i>	Fluoxetine Prozac - OK	Nicardipine - UWC	Tadalafil for pulm art. HTN - *CI
Bupropion Wellbutrin - OK	Fluticasone nasal inh Flonase - R1/2	Nifedipine Procardia - UWC	Tamsulosin Flomax - W8D
Buspirone Buspar - 2.5mg/d max	Fluticasone oral inh Flovent - R1/2	Nitrofurantoin Macrobid - OK	Telmisartan Micardis - OK
Calcium - OK	Folic acid - OK	Nitroglycerin - OK	Testosterone - OK
Calcium carb Tums - OK	Furosemide Lasix - OK	Norethindrone - <i>use backup one cycle</i>	Ticagrelor Brilinta - *CI
Canagliflozin Invokana - OK	Gabapentin Neurontin - OK	Olmesartan Benicar - OK	Tiotropium Spiriva - OK
Captopril - OK	Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir - *CI	Omalizumab Xolair - OK	Tizanidine Zanaflex - OK
Carbamazepine Tegratol - *CI	Glimepiride - OK	Omega-3 fatty acid Lovasa - OK	TMP-SMX Bactrim - OK
Carvedilol Coreg - OK	Glipizide Glucotrol - OK	Omeprazole Prilosec - OK	Topiramate Topamax - OK
Cephalexin Keflex - OK	Glyburide - OK	Ondansetron Zofran - OK	Tramadol Ultram - UWC
Cetirizine - OK	Guaifenesin Mucinex - OK	Oseltamivir Tamiflu - OK	Trastuzumab Herceptin - OK
Cimetidine - OK	Guanfacine Intuniv - R1/2	Oxybutynin Ditropan - R1/2	Trazodone – W8D
Ciprofloxacin - OK	Hydrochlorothiazide HCTZ - OK	Oxycodone - R3/4	Turmeric - OK
Cisapride Propulsid - *CI	Hydrocodone - R1/2	Oxymetazoline - OK	Ubrogepant Ubelvy – W8D
Citalopram Celexa - OK	Hydroxychloroquine Plaquenil - *CI*	Pantoprazole Protonix - OK	Valacyclovir Valtrex - OK
Clindamycin - OK	Hydroxyzine Vistaril - OK	Paroxetine Paxil - OK	Valproate Depakote - UWC
Clonazepam Klonopin - *CI	Ibuprofen - OK	Phenazopyridine Pyridium - OK	Valsartan Diovan - OK
Clonidine Catapres - OK	Infliximab Remicade - OK	Phenergen - OK	Vardenafil Levitra for ED - W8D
Clopidogrel Plavix low risk - UWC	Insulin - OK	Phenobarbital - *CI	Vardenafil for pulm art. HTN - *CI
Clopidogrel Plavix high risk - *CI	Ipratropium Atrovent - OK	Phenytoin Dilantin - *CI	Venlafaxine Effexor - OK
Chlorpheniramine - OK	Isosorbide Imdur - OK	Pimavenserin - 10 mg/d max	Verapamil Calan – R1/2
Clozapine Clozaril - *CI	Ivabradine - *CI	Pimozide - *CI	Vilanterol Breo Ellipta - *CI
Codeine - R1/2	Ivermectin - OK	Pink bismuth Pepto - OK	Vilazodone Viibryd – 20 mg/d max
Colchicine - *CI	Ketoconazole - 200 mg/d max	Pioglitazone Actos - OK	Vitamin B6, B12, C, D - OK
Cyclobenzaprine - OK	Ketorolac Toradol - OK	Piroxicam Feldene - W8D	Vorapaxar - *CI
Cyclosporin Sandimmune - *CI	Labetalol - OK	Pitavastatin Livalo - OK <i>unaffected</i>	Vortioxetine Trintellix - OK
Dabigatran Pradaxa - *CI	Lamotrigine Lamictal - OK	Prasugrel Effient - OK <i>unaffected</i>	Warfarin – UWC <i>may lower INR</i>
Dapagliflozin Farxiga - OK	Lansoprazole Prevacid - OK	Prazosin Minipress - OK	Zaleplon Sonata - OK
Desloratadine Clarinex - OK	Lemboexant DayVigo - R1/2	Pravastatin Pravachol - OK <i>unaffected</i>	Zinc - OK
Desvenlafaxine Pristiq - OK	Levalbuterol Xopenex - OK	Prednisone – R1/2	zoledronic acid - OK
Dexlansoprazole Dexilant - OK	Levetiracetam Keppra - OK	Pregabalin Lyrica - OK	Zolmitriptan Zomig - OK
Dexmethylphenidate Focalin - OK		Primidone - *CI	Zolpidem Ambien - R1/2

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Molnupiravir – Merck *Oral Antiviral*



[Molnupiravir Product Information](https://www.molnupiravir-us.com/)
<https://www.molnupiravir-us.com/>

Molnupiravir Authorization

- Molnupiravir has been authorized by FDA under an EUA, for the treatment of mild-to-moderate COVID-19 in adults who are at high-risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, and for whom alternative COVID-19 treatment options authorized by FDA are not accessible or clinically appropriate.
- Not authorized for:
 - Patients less than 18 years of age
 - Initiation of treatment in patients requiring hospitalization due to COVID-19
 - Use longer than 5 consecutive days
- Molnupiravir may only be prescribed for an individual patient by physicians, advanced practice registered nurses, and physician assistants that are licensed or authorized under state law to prescribe drugs in the therapeutic class to which molnupiravir belongs (i.e., anti-infectives).

[Fact Sheet for Health Care Providers Emergency Use Authorization of Molnupiravir \(https://www.fda.gov/media/155054/download\)](https://www.fda.gov/media/155054/download)

Molnupiravir

Dosage and Administration

- **800 mg (four 200 mg capsules)** taken orally every 12 hours for 5 days, with or without food.
- Not authorized for use for longer than 5 consecutive days.

Contraindications and Precautions

- No contraindications have been identified based on the limited available data on the emergency use of molnupiravir authorized under this EUA.
- Not recommended for use during pregnancy and not authorized for use in patients under 18 years of age.

For more information, see [*Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization For Molnupiravir.*](https://www.fda.gov/media/155054/download)

Molnupiravir Provider Checklist

- ☐ Positive SARS-CoV-2 test
- ☐ Age ≥ 18 years
- ☐ Alternate COVID-19 treatment options authorized by FDA are not accessible or clinically appropriate
- ☐ High-risk criteria met
- ☐ Symptoms consistent with mild-moderate COVID-19
- ☐ Symptom onset within **5 days***
- ☐ Not hospitalized due to COVID-19
- ☐ Assessment pregnancy and breastfeeding status (if applicable)
- ☐ Provide appropriate counseling
 - Females of childbearing potential treated should use a reliable method of contraception correctly and consistently, as applicable, for the duration of treatment and for 4 days after the last dose of molnupiravir.
 - Breastfeeding is not recommended for the duration of treatment and for 4 days after the last dose of molnupiravir.
 - Males of reproductive potential treated, if sexually active with females of childbearing potential, should use a reliable method of contraception correctly and consistently during treatment and for at least 3 months after the last dose.

*Prescriber is encouraged to include a note to the pharmacist in the prescription stating:

Please fill prescription by [insert date] . This prescription fill by date is within 5 days from symptom onset and complies with the patient eligibility criteria under the EUA.

Molnupiravir Prescriber Requirements

All Patients

1. Provide electronic or hard copy of patient fact sheet.
2. Document* that patient has received an electronic or hard copy of the patient fact sheet.
3. Review the information contained within the patient fact sheet with the patient and counsel patient on the known and potential benefits and risks of molnupiravir.
4. Advise patients on need for contraception use as appropriate:
 - Females of childbearing potential treated should use a reliable method of contraception correctly and consistently, as applicable, for the duration of treatment and for 4 days after the last dose of molnupiravir.
 - Breastfeeding is not recommended for the duration of treatment and for 4 days after the last dose of molnupiravir.
 - Males of reproductive potential treated, if sexually active with females of childbearing potential, should use a reliable method of contraception correctly and consistently during treatment and for at least 3 months after the last dose.
5. The prescribing healthcare provider and/or the provider's designee must report all medication errors and serious adverse events potentially related to molnupiravir within 7 calendar days from the healthcare provider's awareness of the event.

*How and where documentation occurs is at the discretion of the prescribing healthcare provider and their clinical site.

Molnupiravir Product Information

- FDA Fact Sheets

- [molnupiravir provider fact sheet: https://www.fda.gov/media/155054/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/155054/download)
- [molnupiravir patient fact sheet: https://www.fda.gov/media/155055/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/155055/download)
- [molnupiravir patient fact sheet \(Spanish\): https://www.fda.gov/media/155115/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/155115/download)

- Manufacturer's Resources:

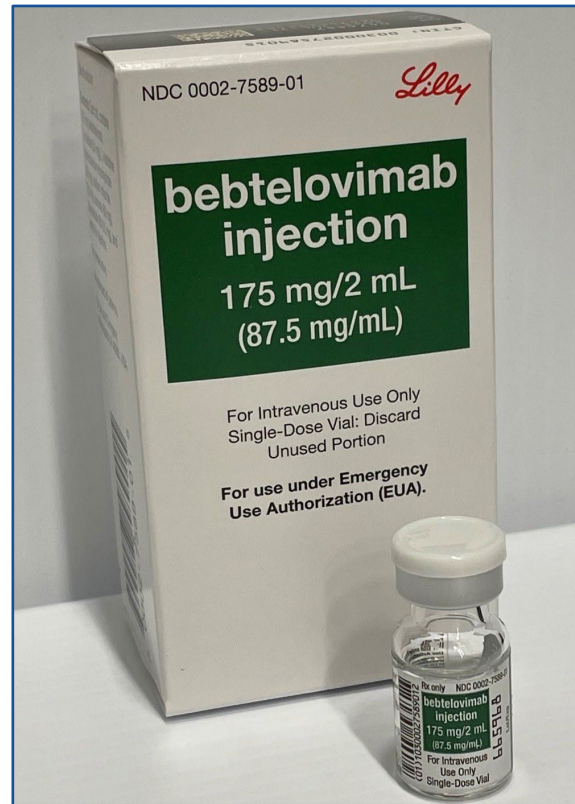
- [Website for Healthcare Providers: https://www.molnupiravir-us.com/hcp/](https://www.molnupiravir-us.com/hcp/)
- [Website for Patients: https://www.molnupiravir-us.com/patients/](https://www.molnupiravir-us.com/patients/)
- [Report a Pregnancy Exposure: https://pregnancyreporting.msd.com/](https://pregnancyreporting.msd.com/)

- Additional Resources:

- [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on Therapies for High-Risk, Nonhospitalized Patients https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/)
- [COVID-19 Therapeutics Locator: https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/](https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/)
- [FDA MedWatch: https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm](https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm)
- [**Safety Reporting Email: dpoc.usa@msd.com**](mailto:dpoc.usa@msd.com)
- [Module 5 Oral Therapeutics Administration](#)

Bebtelovimab – Eli Lilly

Monoclonal Antibody for IV Injection (IV Push)



[bebtelovimab Product Information](http://www.lillyantibody.com/bebtelovimab)

<http://www.lillyantibody.com/bebtelovimab>

Bebtelovimab Authorization

- FDA has issued an EUA to permit the emergency use of bebtelovimab for the treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 in adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg):
 - With positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, **AND**
 - Who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death, **AND**
 - For whom alternative COVID-19 treatment options are not clinically appropriate or accessible
- Bebtelovimab is not authorized for use in patients:
 - Who are hospitalized due to COVID-19, **OR**
 - Who require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19, **OR**
 - Who require an increase in baseline oxygen flow rate due to COVID-19 (in those on chronic oxygen therapy due to underlying non-COVID-19 related comorbidity).

For more information see [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization For bebtelovimab](https://www.fda.gov/media/156152/download).

<https://www.fda.gov/media/156152/download>

Bebtelovimab Dosage and Administration

- For adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older weighing at least 40 kg): **175 mg** administered as a **single IV injection (i.e., IV push) over at least 30 seconds**.
- Bebtelovimab injection should be prepared by a qualified healthcare professional using aseptic technique.
- Bebtelovimab should be given as soon as possible after positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, and **within 7 days** of symptom onset.

For more information see [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers: Emergency Use Authorization For bebtelovimab](https://www.fda.gov/media/156152/download).

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Bebtelovimab Preparation

- Remove bebtelovimab vial from refrigerated storage and allow to equilibrate to room temperature for approximately 20 minutes before preparation.
Do not expose to direct heat. Do not shake vial. Inspect the vial.
- Withdraw 2 mL from the vial into the disposable syringe.
- Discard any product remaining in the vial.
- This product is preservative-free and therefore, should be administered immediately.
 - If immediate administration is not possible, store the syringe for up to 24 hours at refrigerated temperature (2°C to 8°C [36°F to 46°F]) and up to 7 hours at room temperature (20°C to 25°C [68°F to 77°F]).
 - If refrigerated, allow the prepared syringe to equilibrate to room temperature for approximately 20 minutes prior to administration
- Attach the syringe extension set.
- Prime the extension set.
- Administer the entire contents of the syringe via IV injection over at least 30 seconds.
- After the entire contents of the syringe have been administered, **flush the extension set** with 0.9% Sodium Chloride to ensure delivery of the required dose.

Bebtelovimab Product Information

- FDA Fact Sheets

- [bebtelovimab provider fact sheet](https://www.fda.gov/media/156152/download): <https://www.fda.gov/media/156152/download>
- [bebtelovimab patient fact sheet](https://www.fda.gov/media/156153/download): <https://www.fda.gov/media/156153/download>
- [bebtelovimab patient fact sheet \(Spanish\)](https://www.fda.gov/media/156155/download): <https://www.fda.gov/media/156155/download>

- Manufacturer's Resources:

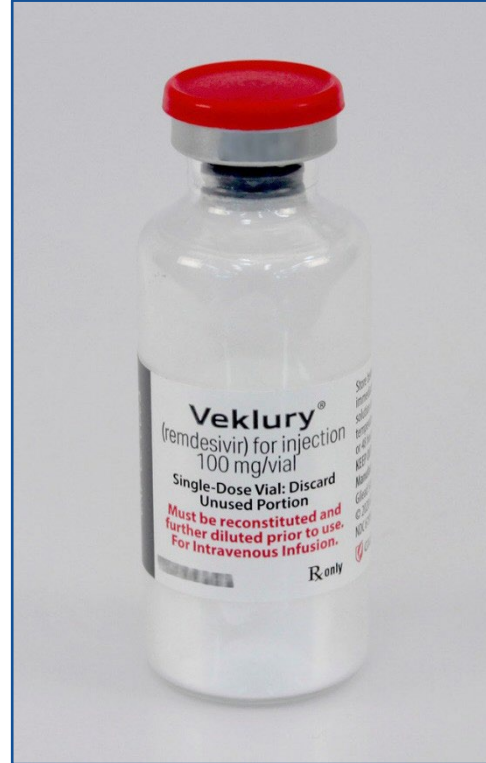
- [Website for Healthcare Providers](http://www.lillyantibody.com/bebtelovimab): <http://www.lillyantibody.com/bebtelovimab>
- [Website for Patients](http://www.lillyantibody.com/bebtelovimab): <http://www.lillyantibody.com/bebtelovimab>

- Additional Resources:

- [NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on Therapies for High-Risk, Nonhospitalized Patients](https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/)
<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/>
- [https://covid-19-therapeutics-locator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/](https://covid-19-therapeuticslocator-dhhs.hub.arcgis.com/)
- [FDA MedWatch](https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm): <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm>
- **[Safety Reporting Email](mailto:mailindata_gsmtindy@lilly.com)**: mailindata_gsmtindy@lilly.com
- [Module 4 Monoclonal Antibody Administration](#)

Veklury® (remdesivir) – Gilead

Antiviral for IV Infusion



[Veklury Product Information](https://www.vekluryhcp.com/)
<https://www.vekluryhcp.com/>

Veklury (remdesivir) – Outpatient Use

- FDA **approved** [expanded use of Veklury](#) (remdesivir) to certain **non-hospitalized** adults and pediatric patients for treatment of mild to moderate COVID-19 disease (January 21, 2022), including:
 - Adults and pediatric patients (12 years of age and older who weigh at least 40 kg) with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, **AND**
 - Who are not hospitalized and have mild to moderate COVID-19 and are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.
- FDA also revised EUA to authorize Veklury (remdesivir) for treatment of certain **non-hospitalized pediatric** patients:
 - Weighing 3.5 kg to less than 40 kg **OR**
 - Pediatric patients less than 12 years of age weighing at least 3.5 kg, with positive results of direct SARS-CoV-2 viral testing, **AND**
 - Who are not hospitalized and have mild to moderate COVID-19 and are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19, including hospitalization or death.
- The treatment course of Veklury (remdesivir) should be initiated as soon as possible after diagnosis of symptomatic COVID-19 has been made and within 7 days of symptom onset. The recommended total duration of treatment for non-hospitalized patients is 3 days.

[Veklury \(remdesivir\) Prescribing Information: https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/medicines/COVID-19/veklury/veklury_pi.pdf](https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/medicines/COVID-19/veklury/veklury_pi.pdf)

[Remdesivir Provider Fact Sheet: https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download](https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download)

Veklury (remdesivir) (continued)

Contraindications and Precautions

- History of clinically significant hypersensitivity reactions to Veklury (remdesivir) or any components of the product.
- Hypersensitivity including infusion-related and anaphylactic reactions.
- Increased risk of transaminase elevations.
- Risk of reduced antiviral activity when co-administered with chloroquine phosphate or hydroxychloroquine sulfate.

Veklury (remdesivir) (continued page 2)

Dosage and Administration for Adults and Pediatric Patients (≥12 years of age and weighing at least 40 kg):

- **Dose:** 200 mg on Day 1, followed by once-daily maintenance doses of 100 mg on Days 2 and 3.
 - **Preparation:**
 - For injection: **100 mg** of Veklury (remdesivir) as a lyophilized powder, in a single-dose vial.
 - Reconstitute with 19 mL sterile water for injection and dilute in a 100 mL or 250 mL infusion bag of 0.9% sodium chloride.
 - Injection: **100 mg/20 mL (5 mg/mL)** Veklury (remdesivir), in a single-dose vial.
 - Must be diluted in a 250 mL infusion bag of 0.9% sodium chloride.
- Administer over 30 to 120 minutes.
- Monitor patients during infusion and clinically observe for 1 hour after infusion is complete for signs and symptoms of hypersensitivity.

For more information, see the [*Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers*](#).

Veklury (remdesivir) (continued page 3)

Pediatric Dosing and Administration:

Body weight	Recommended dosage form	Loading dose (on Day 1)	Maintenance dose (from Day 2)
3.5 kg to less than 40 kg	VEKLURY for injection, lyophilized powder <u>Only</u>	5 mg/kg	2.5 mg/kg
40 kg and higher		200 mg	100 mg

- Lyophilized powder: **100 mg** of Veklury (remdesivir) reconstituted with 19 mL of Sterile Water for injection.
- Further dilute to a concentration of 1.25 mg/mL using 0.9% sodium chloride.
- Small 0.9% sodium chloride infusion bags (e.g., 25, 50, or 100 mL) or an appropriate sized syringe should be used for pediatric dosing.

For more information, see the [Fact Sheet for Healthcare Providers](#).

Veklury (remdesivir) (continued page 4)

Recommended Rate of Infusion-Diluted Veklury for Injection Lyophilized Powder for Pediatric Patients Weighing 3.5 kg to Less than 40 kg

Infusion volume	Infusion time	Rate of infusion ^a
100 mL	30 min	3.33 mL/min
	60 min	1.67 mL/min
	120 min	0.83 mL/min
50 mL	30 min	1.67 mL/min
	60 min	0.83 mL/min
	120 min	0.42 mL/min
25 mL	30 min	0.83 mL/min
	60 min	0.42 mL/min
	120 min	0.21 mL/min
7 mL	30 min	0.23 mL/min
	60 min	0.12 mL/min
	120 min	0.06 mL/min

a. Note: Rate of infusion may be adjusted based on total volume to be infused.

Veklury® (remdesivir) Product Information

- Prescribing Information & FDA Fact Sheets

- Veklury (remdesivir) Prescribing Information: https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/medicines/covid-19/veklury/veklury_pi.pdf
- remdesivir provider fact sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download>
- remdesivir patient fact sheet: <https://www.fda.gov/media/137565/download>
- remdesivir patient fact sheet (Spanish): <https://www.fda.gov/media/139460/download>

- Manufacturer's Resources:

- Website for Healthcare Providers: <https://www.vekluryhcp.com/>
- Website for Patients: <https://www.veklury.com/>

- Additional Resources:

- NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on Therapies for High-Risk, Nonhospitalized Patients <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/management/clinical-management/nonhospitalized-adults--therapeutic-management/>
- FDA MedWatch: <https://www.fda.gov/medwatch/report.htm>
- **Safety Reporting Email:** Safety_fc@gilead.com

MaineHealth: remdesivir monitoring

Parameters measured under the definition 'vital signs' (VS): Temp, HR, RR, blood pressure, O2 sat

Dose 1:

- VS before infusion
- VS at 15 mins (halfway through 30 min infusion)
- VS at 30 mins (end of infusion)
- VS after 15 min monitoring (prior to discharge)

Total of 4 sets

Dose 2 & 3:

- VS before infusion
- VS at 15 mins (halfway through 30 min infusion)
- VS at 30 mins (end of infusion, this serves as the prior to discharge VS as well)

Total of 3 sets

Remdesivir patient assistance program

- Gilead program that covers assistance for commercially-insured patients
 - Patients who are not insured can get relieve via the Cares Act and Provider Relief Fund
- The amount of financial assistance depends on the patient's health insurance plan, deductible, and level of need
 - There is a copay coupon for those with commercial insurance, depending on the type of insurance
- Resources for HCPs: <https://www.gileadadvancingaccess.com/hcp/resources>
 - sample letter of medical necessity, sample letter of appeal and prior authorization checklist)
- Enrollment form: https://services.gileadhiv.com/content/pdf/gilead_enrollment_form.pdf
 - Can be completed online and then saved (you can download the application)

CMS Updates: Coding for Bebtelovimab and Remdesivir

- CMS created new codes, effective Feb. 11, 2022
- Q0222:
Long descriptor: Injection, bebtelovimab, 175 mg
Short descriptor: Bebtelovimab 175
- M0222:
Long Descriptor: IV injection, bebtelovimab, includes injection and post administration monitoring
Short Descriptor: Bebtelovimab injection
- M0223:
Long Descriptor: Intravenous injection, bebtelovimab, includes injection and post administration monitoring in the home or residence; this includes a beneficiary's home that has been made provider-based to the hospital during the covid-19 public health emergency
Short Descriptor: Bebtelovimab injection home
- [Updated FAQs – Payment/Coding for Veklury \(Remdesivir\)](#) (begin pg 146/question 30)
- [Visit the CMS COVID-19 Monoclonal Antibodies Toolkit for more information](#)

Frequently Asked Questions Related to EUA

- Products under EUA **must be administered in accordance with the EUA.**
- **A signed consent form is not needed** to administer products under EUA.
- **No clinical data reporting is required** beyond established FDA mechanisms for tracking and reporting serious adverse events.

Who to Treat for COVID-19

Eligibility Criteria for TREATMENT of Mild-to-Moderate COVID-19 Infection in High-Risk Patients

Mild to moderate COVID-19 cases early in infection, who are at high risk for progressing to severe COVID-19 and/or hospitalization¹; with following criteria:

- Adult or pediatric patients 12 years of age and older weighing more than 40kg
- Confirmation via **positive PCR or antigen test**
- Treatment **as soon as possible** following positive viral test and **within 5-7 days*** of symptom onset
- Patient symptomatic but **not yet progressed to require hospitalization or oxygen therapy (or increase from baseline chronic oxygen therapy)**

Monoclonal antibodies (mAbs) and Oral Antivirals (OAVs) given EUA for mild to moderate symptoms of COVID-19 are *not authorized* for use in patients:

- who are hospitalized due to COVID-19, OR
- who require oxygen therapy due to COVID-19, OR
- who require an increase in baseline oxygen flow rate due to COVID-19 in those on chronic oxygen therapy due to underlying non-COVID-19 related comorbidity

1. CDC's [Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with Higher Risk for Severe COVID-19: Information for Healthcare Providers](https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/underlyingconditions.html)
(<https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/hcp/clinical-care/underlyingconditions.html>)

*Patient eligibility with respect to time since symptom onset varies across agents. See product fact sheets for product-specific durations.

NIH COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines

- The COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel (the Panel) has recommended several therapeutic agents for the treatment and prevention of SARS-CoV-2 infection in individuals who are at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19.
- These anti-SARS-CoV-2 therapeutics are of greatest benefit for non-hospitalized patients who have risk factors for progression to severe COVID-19. The risks for progression are substantially higher for those who are not vaccinated or who are vaccinated but not expected to mount an adequate immune response to the vaccine.

[See the Panel's Interim Statement on Patient Prioritization for Outpatient Anti-SARS-CoV-2 Therapies or Preventive Strategies When There Are Logistical or Supply Constraints](#) for more information.

NIH Risk Group Prioritization Criteria

The Panel prioritized the following risk groups for anti-SARS-CoV-2 mAb therapy based on **Age, Vaccination status, Immune status, and Clinical risk factors**

- For a list of risk factors, see the CDC webpage [Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with High Risk for Severe COVID-19](#)
- The CDC website [COVID-19 Vaccines for Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised People](#) provides a list of moderate and severe immunocompromising conditions.
- If supplies cannot be provided to all moderately to severely immunocompromised individuals because of logistical constraints or supply limitations, the Panel suggests prioritizing their use for those who are least likely to mount an adequate response to COVID-19 vaccination or SARS-CoV-2 infection and who are at risk for severe outcomes.

¹ COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines, [See NIH Statement on Patient Prioritization for Outpatient Therapies](#)

Who is at risk for severe disease? (for patients)

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic lung diseases
- Cystic Fibrosis
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (type 1 or type 2)
- Disabilities
- Heart conditions
- HIV infection
- Immunocompromised state (weakened immune system)
- Mental health conditions
- Overweight and obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Pregnancy
- Sickle cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem cell transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorders
- Tuberculosis
- Children with medical complexity

Who is at risk for severe disease? (for providers)

Higher risk for severe COVID-19 outcomes

- Cancer
- Cerebrovascular disease
- Chronic kidney disease*
- *Chronic lung diseases:*
Interstitial lung disease, Pulmonary embolism, Pulmonary hypertension, Bronchiectasis, COPD (chronic obstructive pulmonary disease)
- *Chronic liver diseases:*
Cirrhosis, Non-alcoholic fatty liver disease, Alcoholic liver disease, Autoimmune hepatitis
- Cystic fibrosis
- Diabetes mellitus, type 1 and type 2*
- *Disabilities:*
Attention-Deficit/Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD): Cerebral Palsy, Congenital Malformations (Birth Defects), Limitations with self-care or activities of daily living, Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities, Learning Disabilities, Spinal Cord Injuries, other disabilities [full list on webpage]
- Heart conditions (e.g., heart failure, coronary artery disease, or cardiomyopathies)
- HIV (human immunodeficiency virus)
- *Mental health disorders:*
Mood disorders (including depression), Schizophrenia spectrum disorders
- Neurologic conditions limited to dementia
- Obesity (BMI ≥ 30 kg/m²)*
- Primary Immunodeficiencies
- Pregnancy and recent pregnancy
- Physical inactivity
- Smoking, current and former
- Solid organ or hematopoietic cell transplantation
- Tuberculosis
- Use of corticosteroids or other immunosuppressive medications

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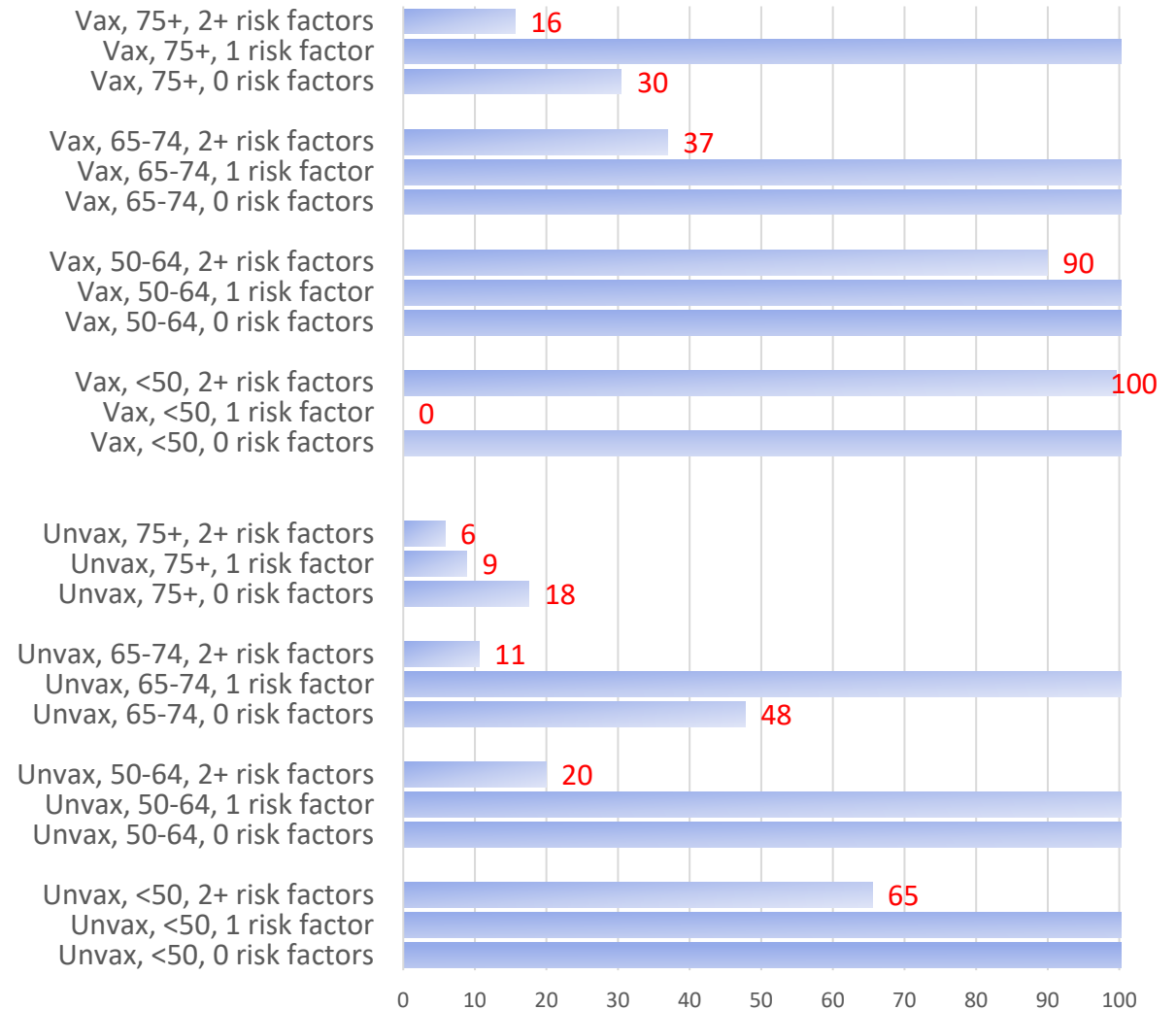
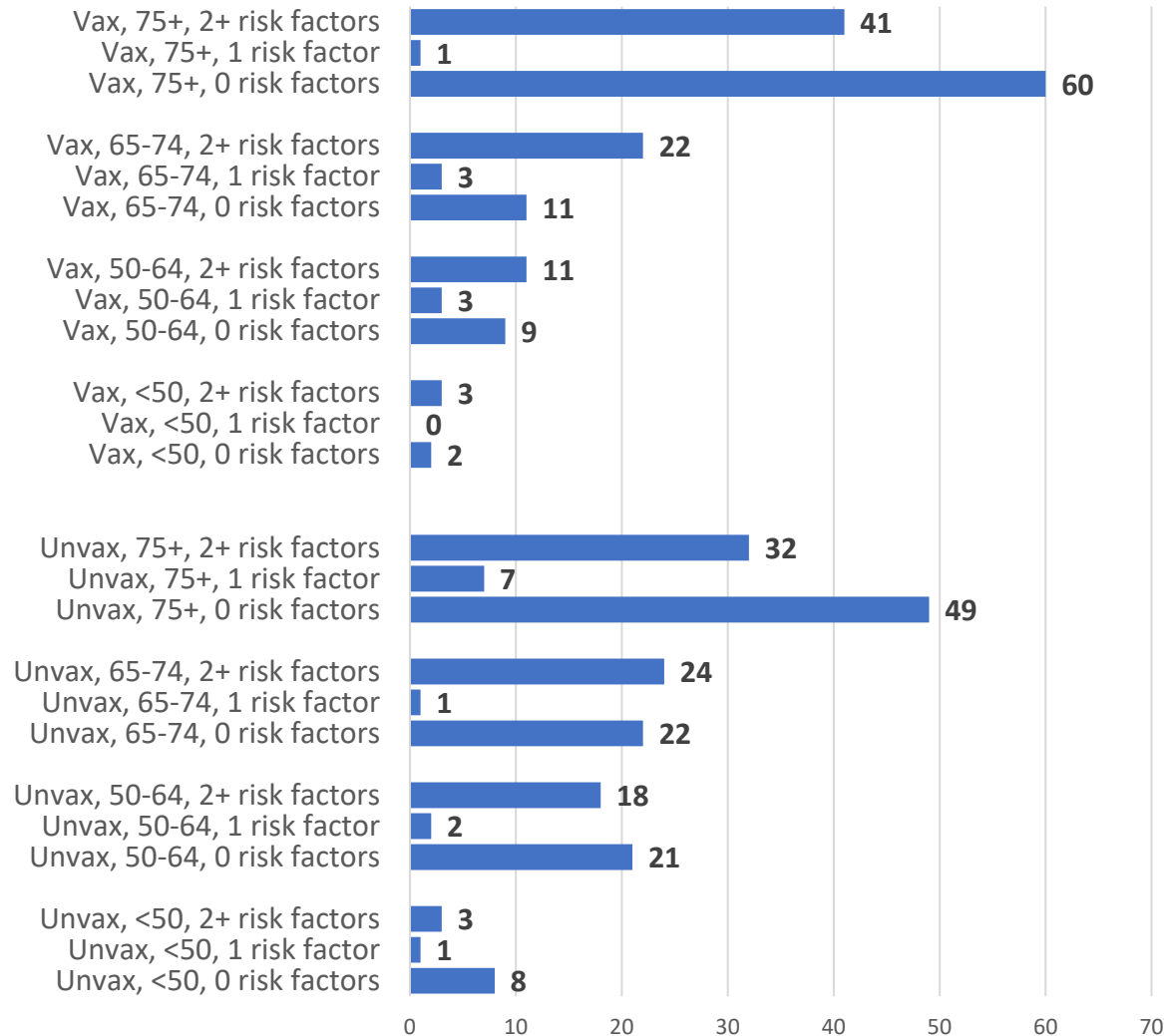
- Children with certain underlying conditions
- Overweight (BMI ≥ 25 kg/m², but < 30 kg/m²)
- Sickle cell disease
- Substance use disorders
- Thalassemia

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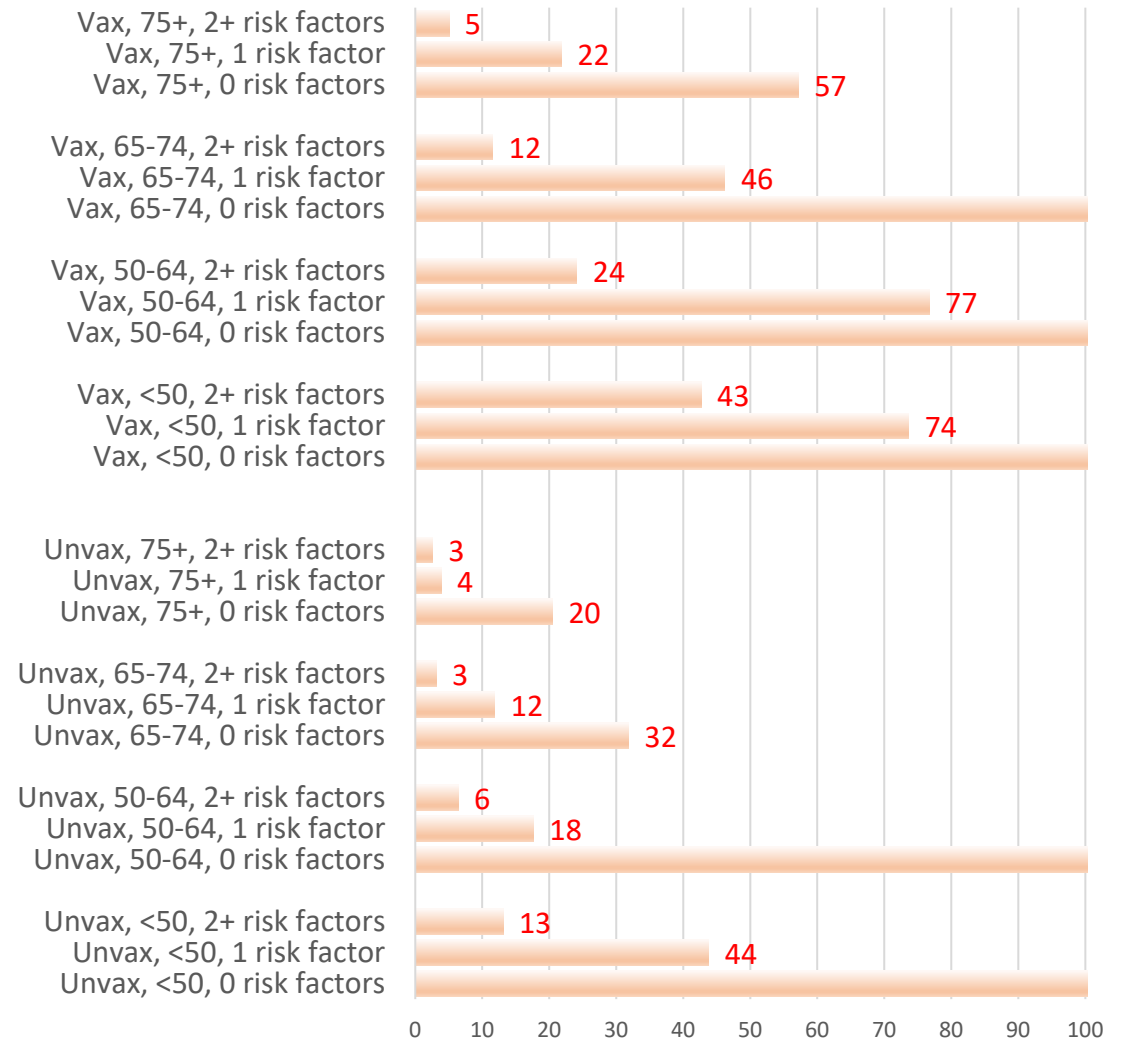
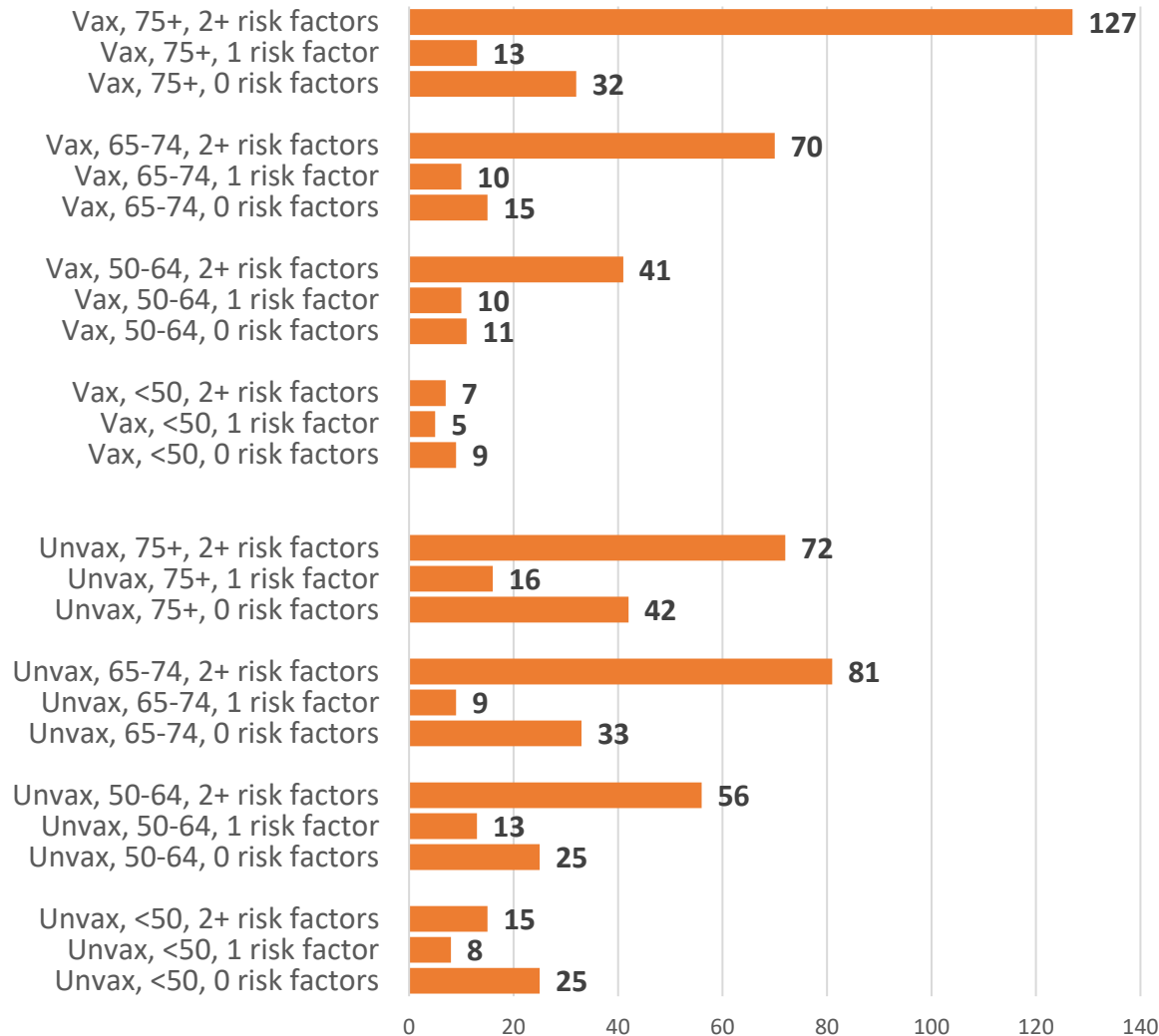
- Alpha 1 antitrypsin deficiency
- Asthma
- Bronchopulmonary dysplasia
- Hepatitis B
- Hepatitis C
- Hypertension*

* indicates underlying conditions for which there is evidence for pregnant and non-pregnant people

COVID-19 deaths and NNT, Maine, Jan–Feb 2022



COVID-19 hospitalizations and NNT, Maine, Jan–Feb 2022



Considerations for COVID-19 Outpatient Treatment

Category	Groups
Highest Risk for COVID-19 Severe Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Moderately/Severely Immunocompromised*** • Unvaccinated* or Vaccinated*, 75+ years • Unvaccinated*, 50+ years, 1+ clinical risk factors** • Unvaccinated, Pregnant⁺
Higher Risk for COVID-19 Severe Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unvaccinated*, 65+ years • Vaccinated*, 65+ years, 1+ clinical risk factors** • Unvaccinated* or Vaccinated*, 2+ risk factors** • Residing in a congregate facility⁺⁺
High Risk for COVID-19 Severe Disease	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • All patients who meet EUA or prescriber information

⁺Pregnant:

COVID-19 patients who are pregnant and unvaccinated are at higher risk for severe disease than those who are vaccinated. Women in their postpartum period, and those who are vaccinated and have additional risk factors, are also at elevated risk.

⁺⁺Congregate facility:

Includes persons living in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, jails, prisons, and homeless shelters who do not meet higher-level criteria.

***Unvaccinated** refers to an individual who has not received 2 doses of an mRNA vaccine or 1 dose of the J&J vaccine. **Vaccinated** refers to an individual who received 2 doses of an mRNA vaccine or 1 dose of the J&J vaccine. Vaccinated individuals who have not received a vaccine booster dose are likely at higher risk for severe disease than those who are boosted, and providers may choose to prioritize such patients for treatment.

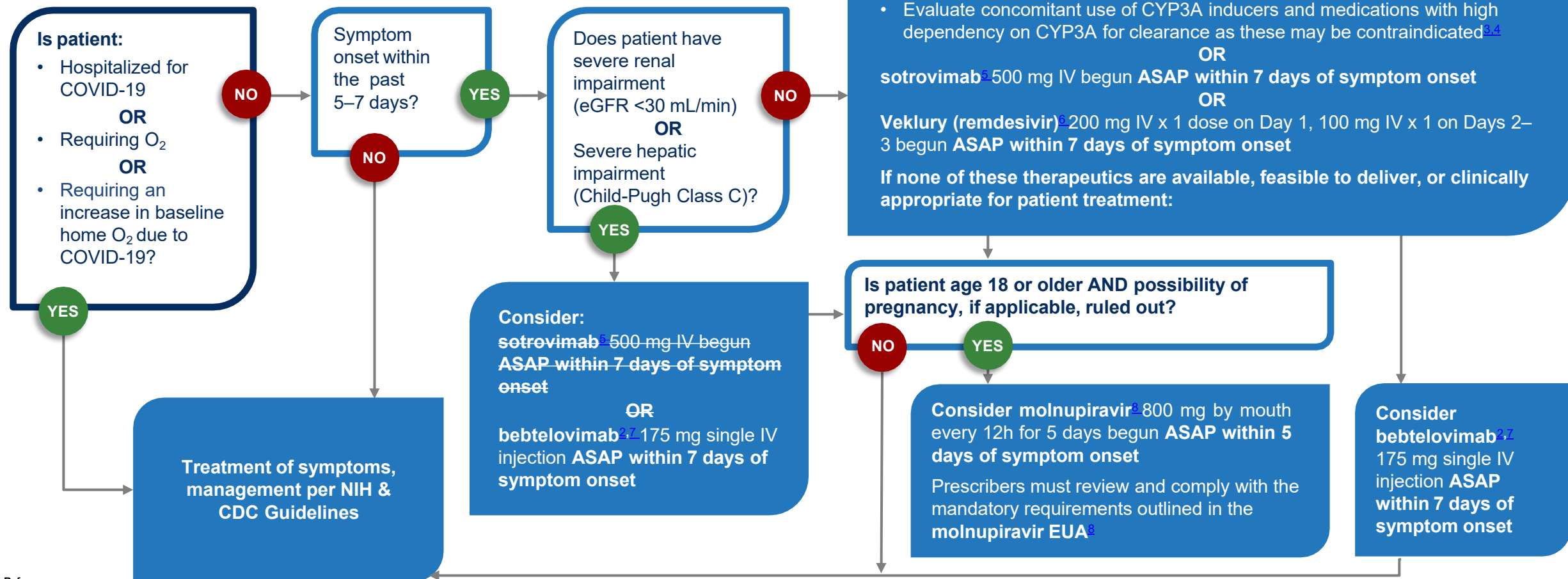
****Clinical risk factors:** some of the most important [Underlying Medical Conditions Associated with High Risk for Severe COVID-19 \(US CDC\)](#) include cancer, cardiovascular disease, chronic kidney disease, chronic lung disease, diabetes, immunocompromising conditions or receipt or immunosuppressive medications, obesity (BMI ≥30), pregnancy, sickle cell disease.

*****Immunocompromising conditions:** [Moderately or Severely Immunocompromised People \(US CDC\)](#) include people who have been receiving active cancer treatment for tumors or cancers of the blood, received an organ transplant and are taking medicine to suppress the immune system, received a stem cell transplant within the last 2 years or taking medicine to suppress the immune system, moderate or severe primary immunodeficiency (such as DiGeorge syndrome, Wiskott-Aldrich syndrome), advanced or untreated HIV infection, or active treatment with high-dose corticosteroids or other drugs that suppress the immune response.

COVID-19 Outpatient Therapeutics

Clinical Decision Aid for Ages 12+

Adult or pediatric patient (ages 12 and older weighing at least 40 kg) with mild to moderate COVID-19 and at high risk for progression to severe disease



References:

¹ NIH's COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Therapeutic Management of Nonhospitalized Adults With COVID-19. <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/statement-on-therapies-for-high-risk-nonhospitalized-patients/>

² NIH's COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Statement on bebtelovimab. https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/statement-on-bebtelovimab/?utm_source=site&utm_medium=home&utm_campaign=highlights

³ Paxlovid EUA. <https://www.fda.gov/media/155050/download>

⁴ NIH's COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines Panel's Statement on Potential Drug-Drug Interactions Between Ritonavir-Boosted Nirmatrelvir (Paxlovid) and Concomitant Medications. <https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov/therapies/statement-on-paxlovid-drug-drug-interactions/>

⁵ Sotrovimab EUA. <https://www.fda.gov/media/149534/download>

⁶ Veklury (remdesivir) Prescribing Information. https://www.gilead.com/-/media/files/pdfs/medicines/covid-19/veklury/veklury_pi.pdf

⁷ Bebtelovimab EUA. <https://www.fda.gov/media/156152/download>

⁸ Molnupiravir EUA. <https://www.fda.gov/media/155054/download>

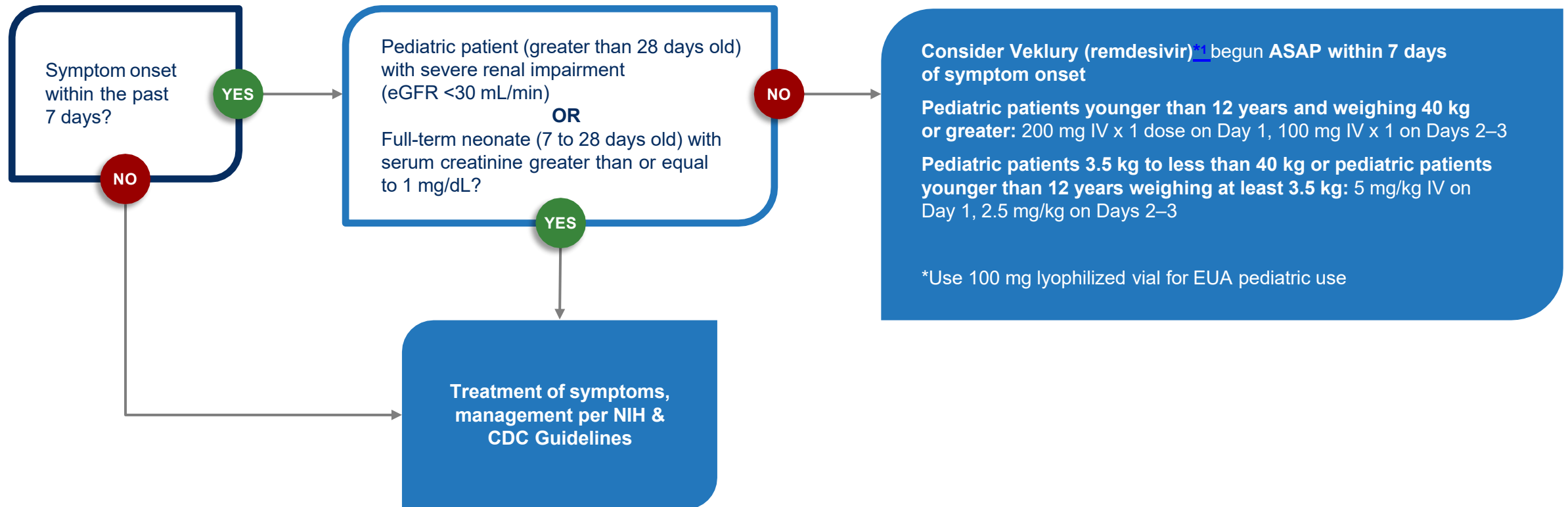
<https://aspr.hhs.gov/COVID-19/Therapeutics/Documents/COVID-Therapeutics-Decision-Aid.pdf>



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Clinical Decision Aid for Pediatric Patients

Outpatient **3.5 kg to less than 40 kg** or **younger than 12 years of age**
weighing at least 3.5 kg, with mild to moderate COVID-19 and at high risk
for progression to severe disease



Reference:

¹ Remdesivir EUA: <https://www.fda.gov/media/137566/download>



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COVID-19 Outpatient Therapies (Summary)

	Paxlovid	bebtelovimab	remdesivir	molnupiravir
Effectiveness	88%	Unknown	87%	30%
Age allowed for use	≥ 12 years	≥ 12 years	Any age*	≥ 18 years
Initiate within # days of symptom onset	0–5 days	0–7 days	0–7 days	0–5 days
Route of administration	Oral	Intravenous	Intravenous	Oral
Duration of treatment	5 days	1 day	3 days	5 days
Pros	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High efficacy • Oral 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High efficacy • Single IV infusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High efficacy • Greater experience 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Oral • No drug-drug interaction concerns
Cons	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ritonavir-related drug-drug interactions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires IV infusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Requires 3 days of IV infusion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Low efficacy • Not authorized for age 0-17 years • Avoid in pregnancy • Mutagenicity concerns

*Remdesivir is FDA-approved for non-hospitalized patients 12 years and older (40 kg and up). It is also available under FDA EUA for patients <12 years old (3.5 to 40 kg).

Provider information: COVID-19 treatment

[DHHS](#) → [MeCDC](#) → [Disease Surveillance](#) → [Epidemiology](#) → [Airborne and Direct Contact Diseases](#) → [Coronavirus](#) → COVID-19 Treatment

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/providers.shtml>

Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

[COVID-19 Homepage](#)

[Maine Data](#)

[General Information](#)

[Contact Tracing](#)

[Travelers](#)

[Healthcare Providers](#)

[Long Term Care Facilities and Congregate Living](#)

[Communities, Schools, and Workplaces](#)

EPI Information

[A-Z Index of Epidemiology Diseases](#)

[Contact Us](#)

[Disease Reporting](#)

[Request for Data](#)



Social services help and information about COVID-19 in Maine, call 211, email info@211maine.org, text your ZIP

COVID-19 Treatment for Non-Hospitalized Patients

Treatment is available for people with certain [medical conditions](#) who are at high risk for severe disease.

Information about how patients can access treatment is available on the [COVID Treatment in Maine page](#).

Available COVID-19 treatments

Several medicines are currently available for patients with COVID-19 at high risk of severe disease. Drug Administration (FDA).

Medicine	Length of treatment	When to start
Paxlovid (PO)	5 days	Within 0–5 days after COVID-19 symptom start
Bebtelovimab (IV)	1 day	Within 0–7 days after COVID-19 symptom start
Remdesivir (IV)	3 days	Within 0–7 days after COVID-19 symptoms start
Molnupiravir (PO)	5 days	Within 0–5 days after COVID-19 symptoms start

Information about how to access treatment is available on the [COVID Treatment in Maine page](#).

Recommended Prioritization for COVID-19 Therapeutics

Currently, supply of all available therapeutics is very good to excellent. Healthcare providers should offer all treatment options to patients at high risk for progression to severe disease.

Maine CDC has reviewed recent data for COVID-19 cases, hospitalizations, and deaths in the State to identify groups of patients who are at the highest risk of hospitalization or death from COVID-19. In the setting of limited therapeutics supply, prioritize use of treatments as follows:

COVID-19: Healthcare Providers

On this page:

- [Standing Order](#)
- [Current Testing Guidelines for Maine State Lab](#)
- [Information for Providers Receiving Abbott BinaxNOW Antigen Tests](#)
- [Information for Providers Receiving AccessBio CareStart Antigen Tests](#)
- [COVID-19 Pre-Exposure Prophylaxis for Immunocompromised Patients](#)
- [COVID-19 Webinars for Clinicians](#)
- [Popular Resources](#)
- [Health Alert Network \(HAN\) Advisories](#)

Individuals at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19

Individuals 18+ years old at high risk for progression to severe COVID-19

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/covid19-treatment.shtml>

Accessing Outpatient Treatment in Maine

Pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics, oh my!

- Oral antivirals available in selected Walmart and Hannaford stores
- Oral antivirals, monoclonals, and remdesivir available at Test to Treat sites offering testing, assessment, and several oral and IV treatments
- **Patients can access treatment via their regular health care provider if they have one, or through Test to Treat locations across the State**

Accessing COVID-19 outpatient treatment in Maine

Pharmacy locations with oral antivirals (Paxlovid and molnupiravir)

Walmart

Hannaford

PCHC

HealthReach

“Test-to-treat” sites with *testing, assessment*, oral antivirals, monoclonal antibody therapy, remdesivir

York Hospital

MaineHealth

Northern Light Health

St. Joe’s Hospital

Redington Fairview

Northern Maine Medical Center

ConvenientMD

Hospital/clinic locations with monoclonal antibody therapy and remdesivir

Patient information: COVID-19 treatment



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[Home](#) → [COVID-19 Treatment in Maine](#)

COVID-19 Treatment in Maine

Who should get treated for COVID-19

Treatment is available for people with certain [medical conditions](#) who are at high risk for severe illness.

Contact a health professional right away after a positive test to determine if you may be eligible, even if your symptoms are mild right now.

You will need a doctor's order to get treatment. You can contact your primary care doctor, or you can contact one of the many sites in the State that offer testing, evaluation, and treatment (see list below). Those locations are available to everyone in the State, whether or not you have a primary care doctor, and whether or not you typically get your healthcare at that location.

[Jump to Treatment Locations](#)

When to get treated for COVID-19

If you have tested positive for COVID-19, are experiencing mild to moderate symptoms, and you are at high risk for severe illness, contact your health care provider or one of the sites listed below to review treatment options.

Don't wait until you're very ill.

The treatments for COVID-19 need to be used in the first few days after symptoms begin, typically within the first 5-7 days.

If you have a weakened immune system or a [medical condition](#) that puts you at risk of severe disease, talk to your health care provider about whether you are a candidate for COVID-19 treatment and make sure you have at-home tests on hand or have access to testing.

Types of COVID-19 Treatment

Oral Antivirals

Antiviral treatments like Paxlovid™ and molnupiravir are available in pill form and can be taken at home.

Monoclonal Antibodies

Monoclonal antibodies like bebtelovimab are given to patients through an infusion into a vein (through an IV line) and are usually administered in a hospital or other health care setting.

Intravenous Antivirals

Remdesivir is an antiviral medication that is given to patients through an infusion into a vein (through an IV line) and is usually administered in a hospital or other health care setting.



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A message from Governor Janet Mills

This pandemic has shown us that we are stronger than we ever imagined. As the storm of the pandemic endures, with peaks and valleys to come, my pledge to the people of Maine is this: that we will work day and night to make vaccines and tests accessible to all; to keep our children safe in their schools; to work in close partnership with our health care systems, ensuring critical care for all those who need it, and not just those with COVID; and to keep our businesses open and thriving and our economy moving forward.

Get Tested For COVID-19

COVID-19 testing is free and widely available in Maine without an appointment.

[Find a Testing Site](#)

Get Vaccinated

Vaccination is the most effective way to protect you and your family from COVID-19. Vaccines are free and available without an appointment.

[Find a Vaccination Site](#)

Get Treatment

COVID-19 treatment is available for people who are at risk for severe disease.

[Find a Treatment Site](#)

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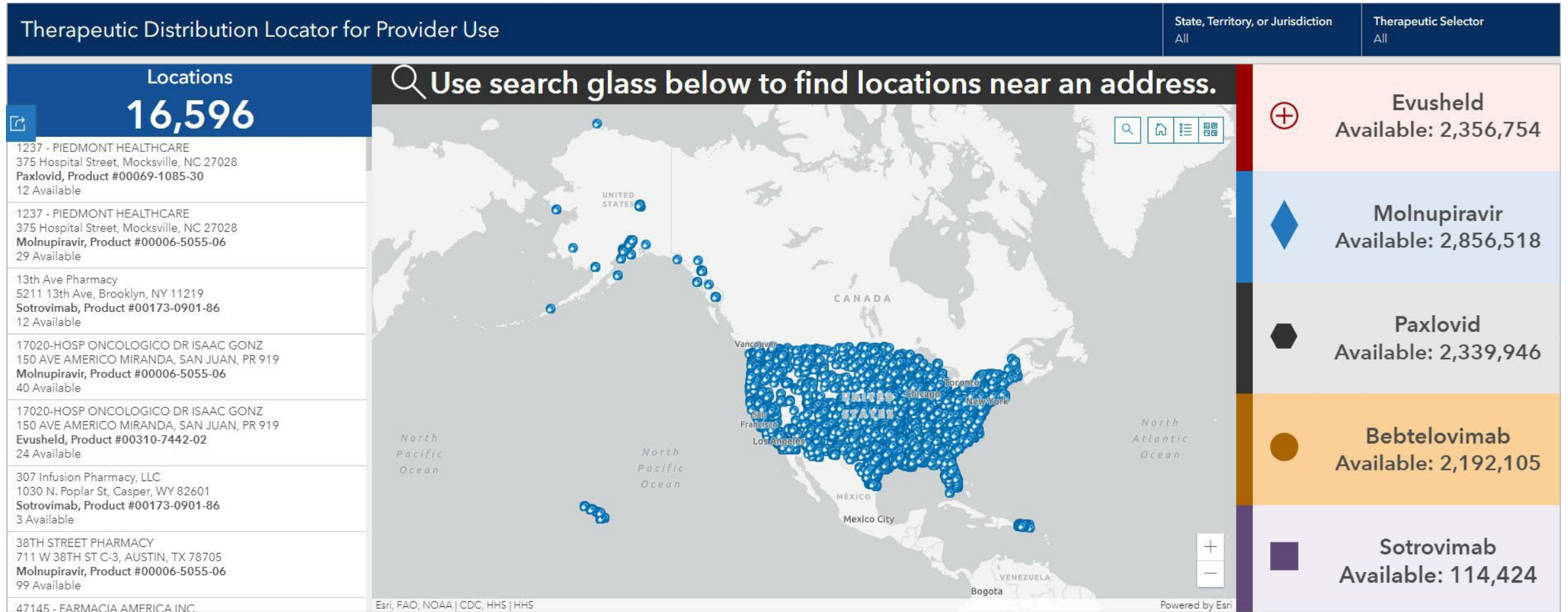
Walmart Pharmacy
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Saint Joseph Hospital
Northern Light Health
Eastern Maine Medical Center
Walmart Pharmacy

Hannaford Pharmacy	Belfast	207-338-1918	medication dispensing	oral medications
Hannaford Pharmacy	Biddeford	(207) 283-0409	medication dispensing	oral medications
Bridgton Hospital	Bridgton	207-777-8001	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies
Walmart Pharmacy	Brunswick	207-725-1176	medication dispensing	oral medications
Cary Medical Center	Caribou	207-498-1228	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies
MaineHealth Lincoln Health Hospital	Damariscotta	207-633-1940	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies, oral medications
Franklin Memorial Hospital	Farmington	207-779-2590	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies
Walmart Pharmacy	Farmington	207-778-5615	medication dispensing	oral medications
Northern Maine Medical Center Respiratory Clinic	Fort Kent	207-834-1390	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies, oral medications
Maine General Medical Center Express Care	Gardiner	207-621-9528	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies
Houlton Regional Hospital	Houlton	207-521-2242	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies
Hannaford Pharmacy	Houlton	(207) 532-2500	medication dispensing	oral medications
Central Maine Medical Center (CMMC)	Lewiston	207-777-8001	assessment, medication dispensing	IV monoclonal antibodies

<https://www.maine.gov/covid19/treatment>

COVID-19 Therapeutic Locator

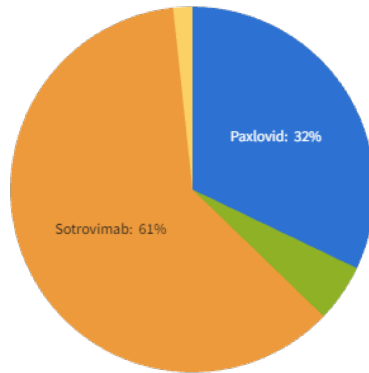
Enhanced provider engagement re: treatment options and eligibility



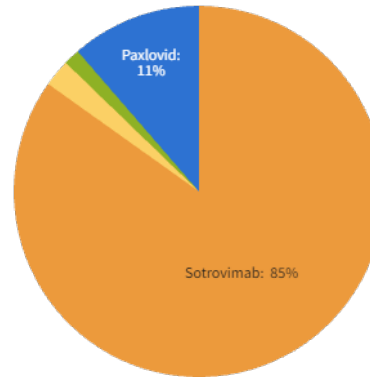
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Barriers to Treatment (and Leaping Over Them)

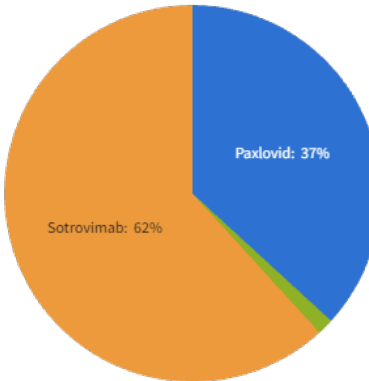
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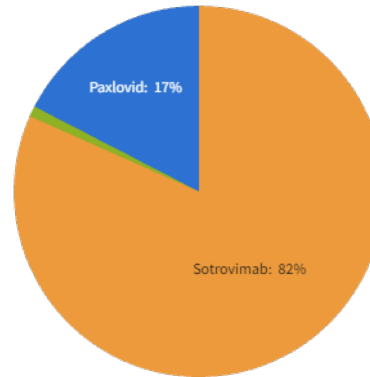
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Why don't patients get treated early in illness?

- **Patients lack...**

- Knowledge that treatment is available
- Knowledge that treatment works well
- Knowledge of who should get treated
- Knowledge of how to access treatment
- Ability to get tested early in illness
- Ability to see healthcare provider rapidly after getting positive test result
- Ability to access pharmacies, hospitals, and clinics with treatments

- **Providers lack...**

- Knowledge about who should be treated
- Knowledge about how to access treatment

DON'T DELAY: TEST EARLY, TREAT EARLY

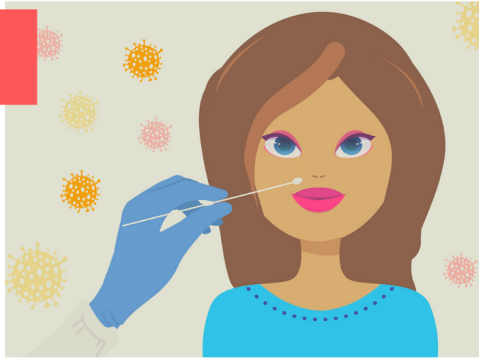


KNOW YOUR RISK.

If you are at **high risk** for severe illness from COVID-19, know how to **access treatment quickly**. It could save your life.

GET TESTED.

Feeling unwell or have COVID-19 symptoms? **TEST EARLY**. If you test positive and have symptoms you may be eligible for treatment.



GET TREATED.

If you test positive and have symptoms, **EARLY TREATMENT IS CRITICAL**, even when symptoms are mild.

There are sites across Maine where you can be tested, assessed and treated, or where you can access medicine if you already have a prescription from your doctor.

For more info & to find treatment:

<https://www.maine.gov/covid19/treatment>

Source: Maine CDC



DON'T DELAY: TEST EARLY, TREAT EARLY

WHO IS CONSIDERED HIGH RISK?

Older adults + people of any age with the following:

- Cancer
- Chronic kidney disease
- Chronic liver disease
- Chronic lung diseases
- Cystic fibrosis
- Dementia or other neurological conditions
- Diabetes (Types 1 & 2)
- Disabilities
- Heart conditions
- HIV Infection
- Immunocompromised state
- Mental health conditions
- Overweight and obesity
- Physical inactivity
- Pregnancy
- Sick cell disease or thalassemia
- Smoking, current or former
- Solid organ or blood stem transplant
- Stroke or cerebrovascular disease
- Substance use disorders
- Tuberculosis

WHAT SHOULD YOU DO IF YOU TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19?

Seek treatment promptly.

Find a location:
[maine.gov/covid19/treatment](https://www.maine.gov/covid19/treatment)



Source: Maine CDC.

<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/providers.shtml>

Why are patients still dying from COVID-19?

Key messages for healthcare providers:

- Become familiar with COVID-19 treatments for outpatients
- Talk to your high-risk patients about the value of treatment
- Encourage high-risk patients to have a plan to get tested and treated before they get sick

Key messages for high-risk patients:

- COVID-19 treatments are safe and effective and drastically reduce the risk of severe disease
- Treatment must be started within the first few days after symptom onset to be effective
- Have a plan to get tested, evaluated, and treated if you develop symptoms of COVID-19

Recommendations for healthcare providers

- Continue to encourage COVID-19 vaccination in everyone age 5 years or older, including booster vaccination in everyone age 12 years or older.
- Encourage high-risk patients to get vaccinated and get a booster. Immunocompromised patients should receive an additional vaccine dose and are eligible to receive pre-exposure prophylaxis
- Communicate with your high-risk patients that treatment for COVID-19 is available in Maine and needs to be started soon after symptom onset. Encourage high-risk patients to have a plan to get promptly tested, evaluated, and treated if they get sick.
- Obtain further information on clinical use of products through
 - [NIH's COVID-19 Treatment Guidelines](#)
 - [Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response Public Health Emergency COVID-19 Therapeutics site](#)
 - Professional societies such as [IDSA's Guidelines on the Management of Patients with COVID-19](#)

Resources

Key resources

- **Maine CDC: COVID-19 Treatment for Non-Hospitalized Patients (Information for Providers)**
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/covid19-treatment.shtml>
- **Maine CDC: COVID-19 provider information** (information for providers; graphics to distribute)
<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/infectious-disease/epi/airborne/coronavirus/providers.shtml>
- **Maine CDC: COVID-19 Treatment in Maine** (information for patients)
<https://www.maine.gov/covid19/treatment>
- **Maine CDC: Health Advisories** (<https://www.maine.gov/dhhs/mecdc/newhan.shtml>)
- **NIH: Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19) Treatment Guidelines**
(<https://www.covid19treatmentguidelines.nih.gov>)
- **ASPR: COVID-19 Therapeutics** (<https://aspr.hhs.gov/COVID-19/Therapeutics>)

Next webinar: Tuesday 4/12 @ 12pm

<https://mainestate.zoom.us/j/83384535429>

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